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## 'Increased' FDM bombings scored

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In a pointed memo to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios said the U.S. Navy's proposal to increase restricted areas surrounding Farallon de Mendinilla can only be an indication of significant increase in bombings "that will destroy the island and its surrounding reefs."

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The CNMI official questions the military's recent finding that the proposed expansion of danger zones and restricted space surrounding FDM pose "no significant impact" on the environment and economy.

Palacios said these findings are "incorrect" and "simply false."

"The proposed need to increase restricted area is questionable, unless the military intends to significantly increase bombing and other activities over FDM," Palacios said in

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## NMC program got \$7.1M in 13 years

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The Northern Marianas College's only two-year baccalaureate program, the bachelor's degree in Education, received a total of \$7.1 million in the last 13 years—an amount that the college may be required to return if the U.S. Department of Education stands firm in its planned decision to drop the NMC program from being awarded Title IV funds.

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» **2,283 students benefited from financial aid**

## Pension cut a tough sell among lawmakers

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Lawmakers emerged from a closed-door meeting with administration officials late yesterday afternoon still not convinced that a proposed 25-percent pension cut is the way to go as part of an NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement. The administration urges the Legislature to consider adopting a resolution support-

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### LECTURE SERIES

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver Gonzales speaks to participants of the "Dig Into Reading" Summer Program of the state library during Friday's launch of a lecture series organized jointly by JKPL and the 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council. Also in photo are, sitting from left, architect Herman Cabrera, Councilman Diego Kaipat, and William Torres.

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## Teen gets 20 years for slashing man's throat in rob try

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A teenager who slashed the throat of a security guard using a box cutter during a foiled robbery at a poker arcade pleaded guilty yesterday and was slapped with a 20-year prison sentence.

Edward Deleon Guerrero, 19, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon as part of a plea deal with government.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Deleon Guerrero to the maximum sentence of 10 years for aggravated assault and battery

and the maximum of 10 years for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Both sentences shall run consecutively for a total of 20 years, to be served without parole.

Deleon Guerrero was given credit for time served since Feb. 3, 2013.

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## Local

# OIA's Sobeck urged to assist CNMI public schools

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The Board of Education was energized by what it described as a "historic visit" last week by one of the ranking officials of the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, acting interior assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck.

BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero disclosed that the visiting federal official made time to check out the situation of public schools and to see how OIA could be of help in the future.

At their meeting, Guerrero said they specifically asked Sobeck for OIA to help schools in the area of professional development, alternative energy projects, and other projects that will benefit students.

PSS' limited resources continue to hinder the implementation of several projects, notably the repair and maintenance of campuses. OIA, in previous years, has been instrumental in meeting this need through its

technical assistant grants.

"What we're asking from the OIA is to seriously consider PSS' request. We understand that OIA, under its table, has competing priorities and our hospital primarily get the assistance. What we asked her is to also look at our public school needs," said Guerrero.

Guerrero said that Sobeck was also asked to look into a recent occupational survey conducted by PSS and use that data to help insular areas develop their future workforce by providing funds to develop new career technological programs.

That PSS survey, conducted among secondary students, showed that majority of the respondents' interest included options that are not primarily needed in the Commonwealth.

OIA, as an advocate for insular areas, plays a pivotal role in the realization of critical projects such as those for public schools and its students, Guerrero said.

One of the projects that PSS wants to tap OIA funding for is



U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck, third from left, is flanked by Board of Education members Herman T. Guerrero and Marylou Ada, second and first from left, and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh, fourth and fifth from left, during last week's visit of the OIA executive.

the alternative energy project for Marianas High School. An application was just recently submitted to OIA for this.

In related news, Guerrero disclosed that the Board of Education recently met informally with members of the Guam edu-

cation board.

He said this meeting is the start of a "meaningful collaboration and partnership" with their counterpart in the neighboring island.

Although there were no specific educational issues discussed at the meeting, Guerrero is optimistic that the new "partnership" will yield positive results for both students in the CNMI, Guam, and the Pacific.

"This may be the start of the two boards' occasional get-together to discuss issues affecting both jurisdictions," he said.

When asked about the advantages of the CNMI public school system versus its Guam counterpart, Guerrero believes that knowing who has full authority over school operations is a key factor.

In the CNMI, Guerrero said, it is clear in its Constitution that the State Board of Education is the sole authority in making decisions for its operation, despite

getting funds from the Legislature and the governor.

In Guam, the presence of a union, the Legislature, education board, and the Executive Branch seems a disadvantage as each one tries to pull the string of power for public education, he added.

The continuity of leadership, according to Guerrero, is another PSS advantage compared to what he described as a fast turnover rate of education chiefs and directors in the neighboring island.

"When you have a fast turnover of officials, it signals that there's something in [the organization] that's not quite working," he said.

Guerrero said the new collaboration between two islands is a win-win for both CNMI and Guam students who can learn and share from each other.

## Post-PEC celebration

On Friday, school system em-

ployees and sponsors and partners in the recently concluded 28<sup>th</sup> Pacific Educational Conference were treated to a post-PEC celebration at the Aquarius Beach in Chalan Kanoa.

Led by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., guests were treated to a lunch buffet, island music, and the serene beauty of the beach.

According to Sablan, the occasion was an appreciation party for all the hard work done by employees and sponsors that made the PEC a success.

PSS was this year's host of the bi-annual conference that saw the attendance of over 600 delegates, mostly from Pacific islands.

Besides Sablan and Guerrero, the event was also attended by board member Marlylou Ada, associate commissioner Glenn Muña, PSS consultant Ed Tenorio, school principals, directors, and employees.

## \$100,000 cash bail retained for rape suspect

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho retained yesterday the \$100,000 cash bail he earlier imposed on a resort employee who was arrested for allegedly raping a female tourist.

After the initial appearance hearing, Camacho remanded defendant Bradley Demapan into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 6 at 1:30pm.

On Friday night, Camacho set a \$100,000 cash bail after police filed a complaint against the 26-year-old Demapan on charges of sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Police detective Isapen Bokuku stated in her report that two Korean female tourists, including the 27-year-old alleged victim, were drinking alcoholic beverages at a barbecue stand at Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on Thursday at 8pm.

The tourists met one of the resort's employees, a clubmate, who asked them about their plans later that evening. They told the employee they were going to the Buoy Bar, which is also within the hotel compound.

The two tourists later proceeded to Buoy Bar. At 10:30pm, the clubmate and his co-clubmate, Demapan, showed up and joined their drinking session.

At 1am, one tourist left the group to use the restroom but when she returned her companion and the two clubmates were no longer at the bar.

The tourist got worried and immediately sought the assistance of the hotel's security personnel.

At 2am, the security guard and the tour agent heard screams and found the victim and Demapan in the bushes north of PIC.

When the guard and the agent arrived at the scene, the victim was wearing only a bra and was crying, while Demapan was pulling on his pants.

The victim told police that Demapan raped her and that she kept pushing him away. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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## Aug. 2 deadline for Ayuyu to resign

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Senate Rules and Procedures Committee chair Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said yesterday that the panel is giving Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) up to the close of office hours on Aug. 2, this Friday, to voluntarily resign as a senator or the committee will recommend his expulsion. Ayuyu he faces 33 to 41 months in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and obstruction of justice.

Hocog said the Aug. 2 deadline holds regardless of the outcome of a court hearing this morning, specifically on Ayuyu's request to be released from prison while awaiting his sentencing.

The Senate panel initially set a 1:30pm meeting yesterday to discuss actions on Ayuyu but the committee decided to hold off until after this morning's court hearing.

"If he doesn't officially appear before the Senate, regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's court hearing, the committee will effectuate what's provided for in the Constitution," Hocog said, referring to expulsion of members.

Article 2 Section 14(a) of the CNMI Constitution partly reads, "Each house may compel the attendance of absent members, discipline its members and, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of its members, expel a member for commission of treason, a felony, breach of the peace, or violation of the rules of that house."

Hocog said he will ask Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) to call for a Senate session after the close of office hours on Friday, to act on the Rules and Procedures Committee's recommendation to expel Ayuyu, if and when he fails to submit a resignation letter by the deadline.

"I am contemplating to recommend 5pm or 6pm Senate session on Friday," the Senate vice president added.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* last week that Ayuyu will be resigning as a senator in the next few days.

The Rules and Procedures panel said if Ayuyu will be spending 33 to 41 months in prison, it would be in everyone's best interest for him to resign instead.

Ayuyu's term as senator ends in January 2015, way before the end of his possible prison term.

Back in March, shortly before the Senate was to act on the Rules and Procedures Committee's recommendation to suspend Ayuyu's salary and other benefits and suspend him as a senator, Ayuyu volunteered to suspend his salary.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in jail since Dec. 17, 2012, on charges of alleged smuggling of endangered fruit bats, witness tampering, and possession of a cell phone while in prison. The latter charge was dismissed.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, in a March 15, 2013, legal opinion, said that if Ayuyu is convicted and a vacancy in the Senate exists, that vacancy will have to be filled by Joey Anthony Quitugua.

## Sen. Ayuyu seeks release pending Nov. sentencing

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Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) has asked the federal court to release him from custody pending his sentencing on Nov. 8, 2013.

In his motion for release filed Friday, Ayuyu, through counsels David J. Lujan and Bruce Berline, stated that he needs to secure his senatorial position to ensure that his constituents' affairs are in order and do whatever is needed before he leaves to serve his prison sentence.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona scheduled a hearing on the senator's request for to-

day, Tuesday, at 10am.

Manglona gave the U.S. government until yesterday to respond.

Ayuyu, 48, pleaded guilty to two charges relating to the smuggling of endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan. Subject to the court's approval, he will receive a prison term between 33 months and 41 months.

In his motion for release, Lujan and Berline said that Ayuyu was denied bail and has been in continuous detention since Dec. 15, 2012.

The lawyers said their client has served almost six and a half months in jail and has the po-

tential to earn six months off for good behavior.



Ayuyu

Lujan and Berline said this means that Ayuyu will effectively only be liable for an additional 20 and a half months to 23 and a half months, assuming no early release to a halfway house.

They said the senator does not pose a danger to the safety of any per-

son or the community.

"He does not have a history of violence, and the current offenses to which he pled guilty are non-violent. Further, he has no prior conviction," the lawyers pointed out.

They suggested that among the conditions that may be imposed to ensure Ayuyu's appearance in court and the safety of others are third-party supervision, electronic monitoring, and surrender of travel documents, to name a few.

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## Parties in Johnson's suit get more time to finalize settlement accord

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has given the parties in Betty Johnson's class action against the NMI Retirement Fund and the CNMI government more time to finalize their global settlement agreement.

In an order issued Sunday, Tydingco-Gatewood said she has been advised that the parties in Johnson's lawsuit need a few more days to finalize the terms of their settlement deal.

"The court agrees to give the parties the additional time necessary to finalize their agreement," the judge said.

With this development, Tydingco-Gatewood vacated her previous orders related to the briefing and hearing of all pending motions.

She ordered that all pending motions shall be temporarily held in abeyance, with all briefing deadlines and hear-

ings previously calendared to be vacated.

The judge directed the parties to submit to court today, Tuesday, a draft preliminary settlement agreement for the court's review.

She ordered the parties to file the final settlement agreement and a motion for preliminary approval of the agreement no later than Friday, Aug. 2, at 10am.

Tydingco-Gatewood will hold a conference in her chamber with the lawyers for the parties on Monday, Aug. 5, at 8am.

A hearing on the motion for preliminary approval of the settlement agreement is scheduled on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 8am.

Last June 26, the parties in the lawsuit informed the court that a tentative settlement agreement has been reached.

Tydingco-Gatewood directed the parties to file a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement agreement by July 22, 2013. The deadline was later extended to July 26, 2013.



## 7 firms offer to build hotels in San Antonio, Marpi

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Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* that seven private firms responded to a first-of-its-kind request for proposal to lease public lands in Marpi and San Antonio specifically to build hotels with at least

200 rooms each. Some of the seven responding firms, however, made an offer to build hotels on both locations so it does not necessarily mean that there were only seven offers.

Tenorio, however, said the Department of Public Lands is not disclosing the names of the on-island and off-island inves-

tors that responded to the RFP, pending review by a committee.

A review committee, he said, would include representatives from DPL, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works, Department of Commerce, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"I am glad we have broad response. I am satisfied we're able

to reach out to them. It means the CNMI is still an interesting place to invest. We are lacking hotel rooms in the CNMI, and building new hotels with at least 200 rooms would help with that," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

The DPL secretary said they may release the businesses' names by next week or so.

DPL issued RFPs for three

public lands in Marpi and San Antonio so that it can get the best offer among competing, legitimate investors.

The three public lands total 139,832 square meters—about 49,500 square meters in Marpi; some 49,505 square meters, also in Marpi; and some 40,827 square meters in San Antonio.

The first two lots in Marpi

are contiguous to each other. Flame Sako earlier leased these areas for a planned multi-million dollar hotel but later abandoned the project.

The San Antonio lot was earlier leased to KSA Corp. for a planned hotel with villas and condotels. The project also didn't materialize, resulting in DPL terminating the lease with KSA Corp. in June 2008.

## NMC

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Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that since spring 2001 to academic year 2012-2013, NMC obtained \$7,097,921 million for its baccalaureate program, covering all Title IV funds.

Throughout these years, a total of 2,283 students under

the bachelor of science in Education program benefited from these funds.

The USDOE provides federal financial aid to NMC through Title IV funds covering five programs: Pell grant, TEACH grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal College Work Study, and Academic Competitiveness Grant.

### Biggest award

Of all Title IV funds, it is the Pell grant that provides the biggest share of funds for NMC's baccalaureate program, totaling \$6.673 million from 2001 to 2013.

The TEACH program has awarded just \$165,000 as this was only provided this year. The FSEOG award totaled \$145,363 in 13 years.

The FCWS grant gave \$97,967 while AGC recorded

a total award of \$15,825 in the same 13 years.

According to NMC, the baccalaureate program enrolment is about 25 percent of the student population each year.

NMC officials led by president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., are bound to Washington, D.C. today to speak to USDOE officials and appeal to them not to stop the federal awards for its baccalaureate program.

Prior to this trip, Gov. Eloy S. Inos separately appealed to the federal agency to reconsider its planned policy decision because if this happens, this may result to the potential closure of the only postsecondary institution on island.

The USDOE is preparing to render a policy decision that will make NMC's bachelor's program in education ineligible for Title IV federal funding,

saying that dual accreditation is not in accordance with its policy, based on its view that the joint accreditation process under two accrediting agencies is inconsistent with its Higher Education Act.

NMC is accredited by both the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

## TEEN

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At the hearing, Deleon Guerrero admitted that he slashed the neck, ear, and hand of the poker arcade's security guard. He said he was very drunk at the time and had no intent to hurt anybody or rob the establishment.

He admitted that what he did was wrong and that in fact he called the police after the incident and turned himself in.

Assistant attorney general Chemere McField had recommended a sentence of 10 years in prison for assault with a dangerous weapon and 10 years with five years suspended for aggravated assault and battery.

Deleon Guerrero's lawyer, assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg, asked for 10 years only.

He said the 10-year sentence reflects the gravity of the crime and serves the purposes

of deterrence, retribution, and rehabilitation.

Petersburg pointed out that, because of Deleon Guerrero's actions, he will not be able to see his two young children grow up and that his disabled parents will be left to care for his wife and two children without his support.

Petersburg pointed out that it was Deleon Guerrero himself who called the police after the incident and turned himself in. He also cited Deleon Guerrero's

lack of criminal history and his guilty plea in this case.

He said the security guard has recovered and is actively employed to this day.

In an interview after the hearing, McField said although they recommended 15 years in prison, they are happy with the court's imposition of 20 years.

McField said they considered the fact that the defendant has two children, but that the security guard also has a young child. She said the security guard

could have died as a result of the attack.

"The government weighed both factors and considered both of them very strongly in making its determination," the prosecutor said. "We're just happy that this is not a murder case."

Deleon Guerrero's other charges—attempted second degree murder, attempted robbery, minor consuming alcohol, and two counts of disturbing the peace—were dropped as part of the plea deal.

The case arose from an incident on Feb. 3, 2013, when Deleon Guerrero entered Skyway Poker on Saipan to rob the place. The defendant held the head of the unsuspecting security guard and slashed his neck from behind using a knife.

As the guard tried to escape, Deleon Guerrero slashed his ear and hand with the knife.

Police said that Deleon Guerrero had confessed to a police officer that it was his intention to rob the establishment.

## PENSION

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ing the settlement deal, but this was proving to be a tough sell yesterday.

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), at the same time, said there is also a possibility that a large number of retirees would opt out of the proposed class suit because of the significant financial drain resulting from a 25-percent pension cut, especially if they are only receiving \$10,000 or less in retirement benefits.

Just like the retirees, Sa-

blan said that lawmakers are also caught between a rock and a hard place. On the one hand they want to prolong the Fund's lifespan; on the other, they do not want to burden retirees by agreeing to slash their pensions.

"It's a tough decision to make," Sablan said. "You want the Fund to continue and at the same time you have to be mindful of people barely surviving with their pension. How do you explain it to them?"

Lawmakers initially thought that Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be personally meeting with them yesterday. However, only assistant attorneys general Tere-

sita Sablan and Reena Patel, along with Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, were at the closed-door meeting with lawmakers in the House chamber to discuss the settlement in the *Johnson v. Inos* case.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the governor was not scheduled to be at the meeting.

"They [assistant attorneys general] have been working closely with the administration on the settlement matters and are there on the administration's behalf to inform the Legislature of the settlement's progress and anticipations before the final agreement is filed," Demapan said.

Patel, after emerging from the meeting, said it was more of an informational meeting on the settlement agreement.

She said they were not expecting any decision from lawmakers, including whether they support the settlement agreement, including the 25-percent pension cut.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) said that when lawmakers took their oaths of office, each of them promised to "uphold the Constitution" and that includes not violating the Constitution by cutting retirees' pension.

Tebuteb and other lawmakers also said an adopted resolution

from the Legislature supporting the settlement deal is not required in the deal.

The administration, according to the press secretary, "desires a unified effort in this matter."

"As such, the governor and lieutenant governor are making this effort to reach out to the Legislature so that they are apprised of the position of the government in the ongoing settlement," Demapan said.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) said he still personally opposes a 25-percent pension cut, especially for those receiving \$10,000 or less a year.

He said cutting the pension of

those receiving at least \$50,000, for example, would be more acceptable.

"And the Constitution does not allow us to cut pensions," he said, adding, however, that a way to go around this is by signing waivers, although this has not been fully discussed yet.

House Special Committee on Retirement Fund Issues Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan) also continues to oppose cutting retirees' pension by 25 percent. He believes that there is enough money to last the Fund "beyond two years, almost three years" so there is no need to cut pensions.

## FDM

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his one-page memo, a copy of which was obtained yesterday by *Saipan Tribune*.

In this case, Palacios said, "there is probable cause for significant environmental impact such as accelerated erosion of FDM and sedimentation of surrounding reef, physical damage to marine life by submarine detonation of ordnance, and contamination of surrounding waters by ordnance byproducts."

FDM is the only area in the CNMI that the U.S. military uses for live fire training since 1976, pursuant to a lease agreement between the U.S. and CNMI governments.

The lease is for 50 years with a possible 50-year extension.

Expanding the FDM "restricted space" from the current 3 nautical miles to 10 nautical

miles, for example, would effectively remove 93 percent of the reef from commercial and sport fishing, Palacios said.

Increasing the "danger zone" from 10 nautical miles to 12 nautical miles, meanwhile, essentially removes 98 percent of the reef surrounding FDM as an option for commercial and sport fishing, the DLNR secretary added.

"In view of the economic and environmental impacts to the CNMI, the Navy's proposed take of FDM's productive reefs is not justified. The Navy furthermore has failed to indicate more specifically the need for such an expansion, and whether there would be increased bombing and destruction of the island and surrounding reef. I can only presume this would be the case," he said.

It has been five years since the CNMI Legislature adopted a resolution requesting the U.S.

military to stop its bombing exercises on FDM until an environmental analysis has been done on the island.

In an interview yesterday in Lower Base, Palacios said that "dropping a rock" has impacts. "How much more increased bombings of FDM?"

"There may be a need to do an independent assessments of the impacts on FDM, to be done jointly by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality and the Coastal Resources Management," he said.

Palacios reiterated that the CNMI still has a chance to be heard about its concerns when the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiate processes.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said yesterday that the administration, through DLNR, "will continue

to engage in discussions with the military on the concerns raised by the Commonwealth regarding the finding of 'no significant impact.'"

"The administration would like to take a further look into this matter and ensure that any decision made in the end will be one that is conducive to the concerns of the local community," Demapan said, when asked whether the CNMI as a whole would oppose the proposed expanded restricted area and danger zone.

Palacios sent the July 22 memo to the governor, three days before CNMI officials received a briefing from military representatives on the military's desire to modify the Mariana Islands Range Complex airspace surrounding FDM.

"I am also very concerned with the military's assertion that there would be no significant economic impacts from

their increase in restrictions to FDM. This is simply false. [FDM] has an extensive and productive reef that currently has a 3 [nautical mile] restriction (R-7201), preventing fishermen from approximately 29 percent of the reef surrounding the island," he said.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), also present during last week's military briefings, said he shares the DLNR secretary's concerns.

The military also proposes to designate the new Restricted Area as R-7201A, and replace existing Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace 1, 2, and 3, among other things.

The U.S. military said a thorough analysis of environmental resources determined that implementation of any of the alternatives "result in no significant impact on or harm to public health and safety, transportation, regional economy,

and recreation."

### 50-year Saipan lease

Meanwhile, as of yesterday, there is no telling whether the governor would include the military's plan to lease 33 acres of lands in and around the Saipan airport and seaport areas for 50 years, in his earlier plan to initiate Covenant 902 talks between the CNMI and the United States concerning the military's plan to lease Pagan for live-fire training ranges.

"The issue of a proposed 902 discussion is currently under advisement," the press secretary said yesterday.

The U.S. military is eyeing at least a 50-year lease of lands within and around the Saipan airport and seaport for a U.S. Air Force alternative airfield on Saipan. Some of the lands on Saipan that the military plans to lease are part of historic sites, including the pre-war Japanese airfield in As Lito.



# Small business credit loan program now in full swing

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After more than a year of waiting for its full implementation in the Commonwealth, the State Small Business Credit Initiative program is now in full swing and \$4 million is ready for disbursement to interested borrowers, according to Commonwealth Development Authority officials.

CDA executive director Manuel Sablan and loan manager Oscar Camacho disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the program has in fact already received more than a dozen inquiries from prospective borrowers in the private sector.

Sablan said the delay in the program's implementation was due to the rigorous process of completing all requirements, including inking a contract with an independent underwriter,

which was only recently met.

The independent underwriter, Michigan Economic Development Corp., was approved a five-year contract for the SSBCI program, he said.

According to loan Camacho, CDA will serve as the facilitator and coordinator for the program to ensure a coordinated effort in all areas of the loan process.

The U.S. Treasury allocated for the CNMI in March last year \$13.1 million in SSBCI funds, primarily to stimulate the islands' economy. This amount needs to be used up in five years or by 2017.

Sablan and Camacho said the first tranche of \$4.3 million is now ready for disbursement to any prospective borrowers who will be approved a loan.

To be able to get the second tranche of \$4 million, Sablan said CNMI has to show proof that 80 percent of the first

tranche has already been committed and obligated. The same process goes for the third and last tranche of \$13.1 million.

After 2017, every single penny disbursed by the U.S. Treasury will become CNMI money, which is projected to translate to \$130 million in five-year period for the Commonwealth.

If in case the CNMI fails to successfully commit and obligate 80 percent of the second tranche in 2017, the last tranche will not be released, Sablan said.

"I can say the program is fully in place now and the first tranche of \$4 million is ready for disbursement to prospective business borrowers and we're all excited about this," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*, and he encouraged potential borrowers to avail of this program.

Under the SSBCI program, businesses can apply for a loan with banks using either one of

two programs: the cash collateral support program and a loan purchase participation program.

The potential borrower has to first apply for the loan with participating banks. The banks will make the initial assessment of the financial prospects of the potential borrower.

CDA will then come in to either pledge cash collateral or purchase a portion of the loan for potential borrowers if they have insufficient collateral to make the loan.

To better illustrate the beauty of the program, Sablan said that under the cash collateral support, CDA can provide funding for up to 40 percent of the shortfall in cash to the bank.

For the loan purchase participation, a potential borrower with weak financials can be aided by having CDA buy a portion of the proposed loan to the bank up to 50 percent.

For example, if a proposed project cost is \$100,000 but the projected cash flow of the borrower is determined to be weak to fulfill the monthly payment, CDA can come in and purchase 50 percent of the loan, and CDA can defer the principal and interest payment by up to 36 months.

"By doing this, payment to CDA can be deferred so this will actually make the borrower's amortization to the bank much lower because the interest of the loan will be based on the \$50,000 and not the \$100,000. That alone is a major assistance to our businesses," said Sablan.

Last week, Gov. Eloy S. Inos enticed hotels to avail of the SSBCI program so they could expand, renovate, and refurbish their facilities to lure more tourists to the island. He earlier stated that up to 400 hotel rooms on Saipan are not up to standard and could not be offered to tourists.

According to Camacho, SSBCI is basically a bank-driven program designed to give banks an incentive to provide new loans to businesses on island, majority of which needs refinancing assistance.

Here's how it will go: A loan application is submitted to the bank where its own underwriter will assess the borrower's financial. If the application looks good, the application will then be forwarded to MEDC for its independent assessment.

What comes next is an assessment by an independent review committee that will make the recommendation to approve or deny to the secretary of the Department of Commerce, who will make the final decision. If approved, the secretary will then endorse the disbursement of the money to the Finance secretary.

Camacho said the independent review committee has already been created with nine members from Saipan and Tinian. All these are non-government affiliated individuals.

On how long the whole process will take, Camacho said it depends on the ability of borrowers to complete the application requirements with the bank. He estimated, however, that everything will be done and decided in less than a month or a matter of two weeks.

## Lecture series to offer local perspective in history

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The 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be conducting a series of ethnocentric lectures on CNMI history starting tomorrow.

JKPL executive director John Oliver Gonzales said the lecture series will focus on the history, the culture, and the people of the Northern Marianas from a local perspective.

"An important facet of these presentations is we want to feature our local people talking about our local history, talking about our local culture, talking about our local customs and traditions."

Gonzales said that Commonwealth students tend to learn more about U.S. history, world history, and ancient history and civilization than about the history of the CNMI.

What's worse, he said, is that most of if not all material are from the perspective of foreign historians.

"In this lecture series you would learn more about Marianas history from our own people. It's good to have outsiders talk about our history but what better way to understand and appreciate our history than from hearing it from our own people and from our own community."

Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho said the local youth should learn more about their own history and he looks forward to seeing them as well as their families and neighbors in the lecture series.

The lecture series, which is being held in cooperation with the CNMI Humanities Council, Historic Preservation Office, and NMI Museum, kicks off with the topic "Northern Islands Frontier: A Moment in Time!" from 5pm to 6pm tomorrow, July 31, at the JKPL in Susupe.

Gonzales said among the speakers are councilman Diego Kaipat, Tomasa Taman Ada, and Dennis Chan.

Kaipat and Ada were born and raised in the Northern Islands, while Chan won a book writing contest organized by Beautify CNMI! years back by authoring *Northern Islands Frontier*.

Tomorrow's lecture will be followed by "Marianas Trench Marine National Monument" also set at JKPL on Aug. 14, from 5pm to 6pm. The resource speakers will be Ike Cabrera, Benigno Sablan, and Pedro Castro.

Gonzales said they will talk about the monument's importance and its significance to

students and future leaders of the islands.

On Aug. 28, the lecture series will move to the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku where a presentation on the \$500,000 Kiosku project will be discussed from 5pm to 6pm.

Aside from himself, Camacho said other speakers are William Torres and architect Herman Cabrera, who designed the Kiosku.

"The bottom line is the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council dreamt of establishing this project and built the Kiosku on the basis of preserving the history of our leaders. This is a living monument," said Gonzales.

The JKPL executive director said the three presentations will

only serve as a pilot program and if it does well, other lectures will be presented in the future.

He said the purpose of the lecture series is to document the speakers and lecturers and then mass produce the material for distribution to CNMI elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, and even at the Northern Marianas College.

Gonzales said there are also plans to make them available online so that "the culture, traditions, and history of our people from then to now will be reflected and preserved for generations to come."

The presentations are free and Gonzales and Camacho invite the public to attend.

### Public Notice to the General Public

The Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands Association is calling for a general membership meeting on July 31, 2013, at 6:00PM at the Garapan Central Park.

#### Agenda

1. Election of Officers
2. Miscellaneous

/s/ Rita Chong – Dela Cruz  
1st Vice President

## LAOLAO BAY GOLF & RESORT CNMI RESIDENT PROMOTION

### Tournament of Champions (TOC) Week Promotion

\*July 29, 2013 to August 2, 2013

\*Golf Fee: \$30 / 18Holes

\$45 / 36Holes/Day

\*F&B Happy Hours (15:00 - 19:00)

\*Unlimited Golf Balls @ Driving Range \$8 per Person

### Local Day Promotion

\*August 5, 2013 to December 30, 2013 (Every Monday)

\*Golf Fee: \$40 / 18Holes Including 1 Selected Menu

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### Local Membership

\*August 2013 to February 2014

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# DYS summer camp teaches kids how to play, make art

The Division of Youth Services wrapped up its 2013 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp at the Garapan Community Development Center on July 19.

Camp vice chair Abner Venus said a total of 213 children enrolled and participated in the sports camp and 167 in the arts and crafts camp.

"We had these kids come together and made them learn with regards to the basic fundamentals of various sport and also got them involved with arts and crafts like making *mwars*, leis, beads, flower-making, and dancing," he said.

The 2013 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp's concluding event had Venus and his staff giving out certificates to participants of the almost monthlong activity.

Participants also danced and sang in the last day of the camp to showcase what they've learned.

Nine-year-old Jerick Quimson of Garapan Elementary School said he very much enjoyed the camp and his favorite part was arts and crafts, specifically the music part.

For Kenisha Roque, 11, of Oleai Elementary School, the arts and crafts camp taught her how to finally sing the CNMI



Participants of the sports camp of the Division of Youth Services' 2013 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp pose for a group photo.

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national anthem. She said she also liked bead-making.

Angela Arcega, 12, an incoming freshman at Hopwood Junior High School, said the camp gave her the opportunity to meet new people and learn how to make crafts that she had no idea how to make before.

"When I showed my mom all

the things that I made I asked if she could buy stuff like that so I could teach them how to make it. She said she's going to buy them. I would like to thank my friends, the people who sponsored the camp, and all the volunteers for working hard," she said.

One of the camp's youngest participants, 7-year-old James Venus, said he had a fun time learning how to play basketball and baseball. The younger Venus goes to school at Golden Harvest School.

If there's anything they learned from camp, volunteers Stephanie Tagabuel, 14, and Emily Dotts, 18, said it is the value of patience.

"It was really fun to interact with new people and do more activities instead of staying home. I learned patience, how to make new things, and helping the students so they can get out of the house and be active around the community," said Tagabuel.

"It was a good experience as I took part in both the sports camp and arts and craft. I've grown attached to the kids. They really grew on me and I got to know



Participants of the arts and crafts camp try their hand at beadmaking.

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each kid pretty well. I think they learned different things like how to play basketball and volleyball, how to make beads and flowers and small things like that. I also learned patience as a volunteer," said Dotts.

The summer camp is a

yearly event for boys and girls ages 6 to 13 years old. Its first part was the sports camp at the Oleai Sports Complex's Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium from June 24 to July 5. Activities included basketball, baseball/T-ball, soccer, volleyball, kids

athletics, and ropes.

Facilitators of the sports camp were the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Ada Gym staff for baseball, Saipan Soccer School, Joe Mettao for volleyball, Cultura and Elias Rangamar for athletics, and NMPASI and Joe Saures for ropes.

The second part of the camp was the arts and crafts camp from July 15 to July 19. Activities included beads-, mwar-, and flower-making, coconut leaves weaving, dancing, ukulele, and others. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Arts Council provided facilitators for this.

Abner Venus thanked all his staff and volunteers and said that DYS may shake things up next year.

"The arts and crafts was cut to one week this year; before it was two weeks. Based on the survey, kids preferred only a week of arts and crafts. But I think its changing now, the survey now shows they want more arts and crafts so we will probably make changes next year," he added. *(Mark Rabago)*



Mwar mwar-making was one of the highlights of the arts and crafts camp.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP13-HSEM-134**

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**A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 16, 2013, 9:00 A.M.** AT CNMI'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER LOCATED IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

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**AMENDMENT #01 PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
  - e. Thursday, May 2, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. **CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - a. Division Monthly Reports
  - b. LHHC Program – On-going Compliance Monitoring Briefing
  - c. Update on USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action
  - d. Update on CDBG Matters
  - e. Update on NSP3
  - f. Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
  - g. Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
    1. Loans for Review and Approval
  - h. Requests for Garapan Annex Units
  - i. Garapan Properties for Sale/Lease – 003 D 16 and 003 D22
- IV. **FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**
  - a. Rota Field Office
  - b. Tinian Field Office
- V. **FISCAL AFFAIRS**
  - a. Amended FY 2014 Budget
  - b. Fiscal Division Audit Reports
  - c. Unaudited Financial Statement as of June 30, 2013
- VI. **LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. **OTHER MATTERS**
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE  
Chairwoman of the Board



**AFTER HEARING PARENTS' CONCERNS:****‘School merger decision next week’**

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The much-awaited decision on the proposed consolidation of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and the Tanapag Elementary School beginning this school year will be known by next week.

Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero assured stakeholders Friday that the board has heard the various concerns and sentiments of parents during the July 22 discussion with stakeholders at the Tanapag campus.

Guerrero declined to speculate whether the board will approve or deny the merger but, based on his personal view, he said he is not opposed to the proposal.

He wants to make sure, however, that a concrete plan is properly in place and implemented if the board gives the plan the thumbs-up.

Without citing names, Guerrero said other board members

share a similar view.

He plans to call a board meeting on Aug. 8 so members can deliberate on the issue and vote on it.

If there's one thing he is sure of, Guerrero said, it is the board's serious consideration of all concerns raised by stakeholders.

"I think it [merger] can be done. But we need to make sure that we have sufficient time to do it," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Many parents of affected students in the two schools earlier objected to the merger plan. Topping their concerns is safety, especially at the GTC campus, which will house kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The campus has no fence and security details to ensure the safety and protection of students.

Under the plan, the Tanapag school will become a middle school and will house students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Head Start students will also be housed inside the Tanapag campus.

Another concern brought to the board, Guerrero said, is the blocking of the road by the fire station in Tanapag.

For Guerrero, these are just among the issues that PSS needs to rectify before a complete merger plan is pushed.

PSS wants to implement the merger starting this new school year, which is just two months away.

For the road blocking, Guerrero said one way to address it is to coordinate with the Department of Public Lands to see who has the authority over the property.

On the issue of fencing the GTC campus, Guerrero said that "this is something that PSS needs to consider" and "if we do have sufficient time to do it" before the new school year.

He pointed out, though, that many parents of middle school students in both areas have been silent about this issue since the merger plan was disclosed.

"Are they supporting the PSS recommendation? Or are they against it? They have been so silent all this time and I am wondering if they concur or object to the PSS recommendation," he added.

**PH consular services in Aug. now has venue**

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam's mobile consular services on Saipan next month will be held at the Dai-dai Social Hall of the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said the Philippine Consulate General and UFO recently secured the venue, which will now allow the conduct of mobile consular services on Aug. 7, 8, and 9 from 9am to 6pm.

Among the services offered by the Philippines Consulate General are passport applications and renewals, civil registry and notarial services, report of birth, report of marriage, report of death, acknowledgements (special power of attorney, general power of attorney, contracts), jurat (affidavits), NBI clearance applications, and authentication/verification of employment contracts.

In related news, the Philippine Consulate will hold mobile consular services on Tinian a few days earlier at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's Tinian Hall on Aug. 3, 4, and 5.

Aside from ePassport processing, the Philippine Consulate will also conduct civil registry and notarial services on Tinian next month.

For more information about the mobile consular outreach on Saipan and Tinian, call the Philippine Consulate General in Guam at 682-2222 (toll free). *(Mark Rabago)*

**NOTICE ALL CLIENTS OF THE FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN**

Due to the upcoming closure of the Federal Labor Ombudsman office on September 30, 2013, aliens are advised of the following change in operations of the office.

- As of August 1, 2013, office will be open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with Thursday and Friday for appointments only for clients with active cases that require further assistance of the office prior to our final closure of both the case and the office.
- As of August 15, 2013, no more walk in clients or clients referred by other agencies for assistance will be entertained. Caseworkers will continue to make appointments with clients with open cases to provide as much assistance as possible prior to September 1, 2013.
- Any client with an open case is encouraged to immediately contact the caseworker providing assistance to determine what if anything remains to be done prior to September 1, 2013 in order to reach final resolution of the matter.

We, the staff of the Federal Labor Ombudsman, greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation in this time of transition.

**通知所有联邦劳工监察官办公室的客户**

由于联邦劳工监察官办公室即将于 2013 年 9 月 30 日关闭，特告示外籍人士关于以下办公室运作服务的变更。

- 从 2013 年 8 月 1 日起，办公室将仅会在周一，周二和周三开门办公。而周四和周五只服务持有仍在开放进行中案件并需要进一步协助的预约客户，直到案件和办公室的最终关闭为止。
- 从 2013 年 8 月 15 日起，不再接待无预约直接上门的或者由其他机构推介的客户。案件工作者们还会继续与现存开放案件的客户们订立预约，并在 2013 年 9 月 1 日前尽可能地提供服务。
- 办公室鼓励任何持有仍在开放进行中案件的客户，立即联系提供协助的案件工作者以确认如有任何遗留问题需要在 2013 年 9 月 1 日前处理完毕，以达到案件的最终解决。

我们，联邦劳工监察官办公室的全体工作人员，非常感谢您在这个过渡时期的耐心与合作。

**PAUNAWA SA LAHAT NG KLIYENTE NG  
FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN**

Dahil sa nalalapit na pagsasara ng tanggapan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman sa Septyembre 30, 2013, kayo ay pinapayuhan sa mga sumusunod na pagbabago sa mga pagpapatakbo ng opisina.

- Simula Agosto 1, 2013, ang opisina ay bukas lamang sa Lunes, Martes, at Miyerkules, ang Huwebes at Biyernes ay para lamang sa appointment ng mga kliyente na may aktibong kaso na nangangailangan ng karagdagang tulong ng opisina bago ang aming pagsasara ng parehong kaso at ng opisina.
- Simula Agosto 15, 2013, hindi na namin maaasikaso ang mga kliyenteng "walk in" o ang mga kliyenteng ini-refer ng iba pang ahensya. Ang mga Caseworkers ay patuloy na gagawa ng appointment sa mga kliyente na may bukas na kaso upang mabigayan ng sapat na tulong hangga't maaari bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013.
- Ang mga kliyente na may bukas pang kaso ay hinihikayat na agad makipag-ugnay sa caseworker na tumutulong sa inyo upang matukoy kung anong mga bagay ang nararapat pang gawin bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013 para sa paglutas ng inyong kaso.

Kami, ang mga tauhan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman, ay lubos na pinahalagahan ang inyong pasensya at pakikipagtulungan sa oras na ito ng pagbabago

**NMC-CREES survey on CNMI agriculture**

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's is conducting a survey for local farmers, ranchers, and agriculture professionals in order to gather information regarding agriculture in the CNMI.

The objective of the survey is to help NMC-CREES determine discussion topics and issues for an upcoming conference on sustainable agricultural infrastructure in Pacific islands being served by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The conference will be hosted by the USDA-NIFA Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, which is a competitive grants program that funds research and education projects in nine Western states, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the CNMI.

"The results of the survey will be used to prioritize

theme topics, which focus on Pacific island clients, for the conference agenda," said Allan C. Sabaldica, professional development program SARE coordinator for the CNMI. "It's basically a needs assessment survey."

"The results will also be useful information for the USDA-NIFA Western SARE as they continue to assist the islands develop a thriving agricultural industry by providing technical guidance and possibly grants," Sabaldica added.

Local farmers, ranchers and agriculture professionals are highly encouraged to take the survey no later than Sept. 5, 2013. Surveys may be picked up at the NMC-CREES offices in Saipan, Tinian, or Rota, or downloaded online from <http://crees.org>. Completed surveys may be dropped off to an NMC-CREES office, or faxed to NMC-CREES at 234-0054.

For more information, contact Pedro Deleon Guerrero at 234-5498 ext. 6840. *(NMC-CREES)*

**DEQ brigade sets Aquarius Beach cleanup**

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Aquarius Beach this Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Aquarius Beach area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participat-

ed in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade t-shirt.

The Makaka Beach cleanup this month was successful with 18 volunteers participating. Thanks to individuals from CRM, CUC, Zoning, PSS, San Antonio Village, and other volunteers, about 300 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. *(DEQ)*



# Island residents warned of potential phishing scam

## » Bank of Guam urges residents to be watchful

**HAGATNA, Guam**—In recent days, an email with the subject “Electronic Notification” was sent to numerous island residents, including both Bank of Guam customers and non-cus-

tomers. It has been identified as a phishing scam. “Phishing” is an attempt to steal your personal information such as usernames, passwords, and account details by an unknown party pretend-

ing to be a trustworthy entity.

If you have received this email, delete it immediately. If you have already opened the link provided and are a Bank of Guam customer, contact the

bank right away.

The following online security best practices are being reminded by Bank of Guam:

1. Bank of Guam will never ask you to validate your personal

information outside of our secure channels (i.e. in the branch, over the phone, upon secure login to online banking). You should be suspicious of any email or online site that requests you to do so.

2. When using IFITonline, you must enter through the bank’s official website homepage, <https://www.bankofguam.com>. All other links that direct you to an unfamiliar page should be treated as suspicious.

3. Once you have logged into Bank of Guam’s online banking, the URL will change to: <https://online.ifitebanking.com>. Anything other than this should be treated as suspicious and you should not proceed.

More information can be found on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. website at [www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/fightheft/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/fightheft/index.html)

For additional information, contact Bank of Guam Customer Service at 472-5284 or [customerservice@bankofguam.com](mailto:customerservice@bankofguam.com). (**BoG**)

## Bereaved Families meeting on Aug. 1

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. Today more than 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam offer friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

For more information, call Jill Derickson at 287-5337 or e-mail [jilld@pticom.com](mailto:jilld@pticom.com). (**PR**)

## House OKs bill changing weapons control law

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By a vote of 14-1 with five absences, the House of Representatives passed Friday afternoon a bill amending the CNMI Weapons Control Act by imposing stricter gun safety and control while at the same time allowing outdoor shooting ranges and skeet shooting developments.

House Bill 18-29, House Draft 2 now heads to the Senate for action.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), author of the bill, said safety and stricter gun control are utmost consideration in moving the bill.

The Judiciary and Govern-

ment Operations Committee that Leon Guerrero leads, twice reviewed the bill and recommended its passage in the form on House Draft 1.

During Friday’s session, Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) offered a floor amendment that members adopted, specifically to include shooting ranges in the restrictions imposed on shooting galleries.

The JGO panel, in its report, made additional amendments to pacify House members’ apprehensions regarding safety concerns, specifically concerns regarding the use of handguns in outdoor shooting ranges and the storage of weapons at shooting ranges premises.

Under the amended bill,

handguns will remain prohibited in outdoor shooting ranges.

The Department of Public Safety commissioner is also required to establish requirements for the safe storage of weapons at the shooting ranges premises.

DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero also testified in support of the bill, emphasizing the measure’s intent on imposing stricter gun safety and control in the CNMI.

He said the CNMI as it is now already has the “safest gun laws in the nation” and the enactment of HB 18-29 would make it even tougher.

Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) was the only one among 15 House members present during discussions that

voted “no” to the bill.

In an impassioned statement during discussions, Dela Cruz cited the 2009 shooting rampage that claimed the lives of children and adults, including tourists, in drumming up support against HB 18-29.

“We are promoting additional firearms to come to our Commonwealth which is supposed to be a peaceful, pristine destination,” he told his colleagues.

What came next was a more blunt statement.

“We want to condone electronic gaming, video terminals, casinos, marijuana, guns. What more is there? Are we also going to be condoning prostitution? Wait, that may already be packaged in the casino bill because you bring in elements, vices. I don’t think I can live

with myself if I support this legislation,” Dela Cruz added.

Leon Guerrero and other members, however, insisted that the bill is mainly to promote gun safety and control since there are already “not more than five shooting ranges and galleries” in the CNMI.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest private business organization in the CNMI, also earlier expressed its opposition to HB 18-29 or the Recreational Target Range Act of 2013.

“The Chamber believes the small advantages gained by allowing for a shooting range are far outweighed by the potential downside where crimes may increase as a result of greater access to gun,” the Chamber said.



Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), center, comments on Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero’s (Cov-Saipan), right, bill amending the CNMI Weapons Control Act and promotes outdoor shooting ranges and skeet shooting developments, during Friday’s session. Also in photo is Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), left. **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS’ HEADLINES

July 30, 2005

### JAL pullout now official

Japan Airlines made good on its promise to issue a final decision on the planned pullout from Saipan by July 2005, although it waited for the last business day of the month to do so. Rendered in both Japanese and English, JAL’s rather terse official notice read: “Today, July 29, 2005, the JAL Group has decided to suspend its Japan-Saipan route (Narita-Saipan, Kansai-Saipan).” JAL indicated Oct. 4, 2005 as the effective date of the pullout, but provided no other information about the flight suspension, including its plan

regarding a possible charter service to Saipan once the scheduled flights are cancelled. At least one travel agency got the faxed announcement at around 3:30pm Friday. As of close of business yesterday, neither the Commonwealth Ports Authority nor the Marianas Visitors Authority had received a copy of JAL’s notice.

### Blackouts expand to airport, other areas

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. issued yesterday a new power outage schedule that includes the Saipan International Airport and the northern Saipan areas. CUC power generation

manager Almondo C. Santos said the revised load shedding schedule would be effective tomorrow, Sunday, as utility personnel performs maintenance work on an engine at the Lower Base power plant. Santos explained that the right-side turbo-charger of the 13-year-old Engine No. 7 had to be replaced. While this was being down, the 13-megawatt generator would be able to produce only 9 megawatts of electricity.

July 30, 2006

### Top US law firm sends Lord to meet retirees

A top U.S. law firm is sending its partner, lawyer Timothy Lord, to Saipan to meet with government retirees to discuss their legal options against the government. NMI Retirement Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes confirmed Friday that Lord would be coming at the

invitation of some 150 retirees. “The retirees are the ones asking him to come,” said Reyes, citing that an e-mail showed more than 150 names of retirees wanting to meet with the lawyer. Reyes said that, based on research by the Fund’s legal counsel, Lord’s firm, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, is one of the top 10 law firms in California.

### ‘Public interest warrants open skies request’

The CNMI’s open skies petition with the federal government is a matter of public interest in view of the territory’s dire economic situation and its isolated geographic location. In a draft petition with the U.S. Department of Transportation, the CNMI cited that the Commonwealth’s case is similar with Hawaii and Alaska, which had both received waivers on air service. “Prompt approval of this petition is war-

ranted for the same reasons that the department previously issued the Alaska and Hawaii orders. Indeed, the Commonwealth believes that the need for approval is even more compelling given its [CNMI] own unique exigencies,” said the CNMI in a 34-page draft position paper.

July 30, 2007

### PSS exceeding academic goals

The recent Stanford Achievement Test showed that the financially challenged Public School System has exceeded its academic goals for the past school years. PSS is approaching 50-percentile score that it is targeting by the year 2010 and 80 percent of its students should be reading at or above grade level by 2008. SAT 10 was administered to 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grade level students.

PSS Federal Program advisor Tim Thornburg presented the data during Saturday’s principals meeting, indicating that generally the results showed favorable trends based on data for school year 2005-2006.

### PSS cries foul over OPA report

The cash-strapped Public School System has cried foul over the latest report prepared by Office of the Public Auditor stating that PSS has un-audited financial documents. According to the OPA’s executive summary, the Commonwealth may have to reimburse federal agencies up to \$5 million due to audit violations, an independent audit of the CNMI government revealed. Deloitte & Touche, which audited the government’s financial statements for fiscal year 2006, found some \$1.5 million in questioned costs relating to federal grants.



# Federal grant opportunities

The Office of Grants Management announces federal grant opportunities for the following:

**A. National Fish Passage Program:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Fisheries Program's National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary, non-regulatory conservation assistance program that provides financial and technical assistance to remove or bypass artificial barriers that impede the movement of fish and other aquatic species and contribute to their decline.

**Deadline for Applications:** March 13, 2014.

**Eligible Applicants:** Open to the public/unrestricted.

**B. Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace:** Cyberspace has transformed the daily lives of people for the better. The rush to adopt cyberspace, however, has exposed its fragility and vulnerabilities: corporations, agencies, national infrastructure and individuals have been victims of cyber-attacks. The Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace program welcomes proposals that address Cybersecurity from a Trustworthy Computing Systems perspective and/or a Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences perspective. In addition, we

welcome proposals that integrate research addressing both of these perspectives as well as proposals focusing entirely on Cybersecurity Education.

**Deadline for Proposals:** Oct. 15, 2013

**Eligible Applicants:** Open to the public/unrestricted.

**C. Help America Vote Act Training and Technical Assistance to Assist Protection and Advocacy Systems to Establish or Improve Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities:** to assist Protection and Advocacy Systems in: Promoting full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; and Providing T/TA for non-visual access. (At least one recipient must provide T/TA assistance in this area.)In addition, the funds may be used to assist P&As in: Developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities; and Demonstrating and evaluating the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for

such individuals.

**Deadline for Applications:** Aug. 15, 2013.

**Eligible Applicants:** Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

**D. Core Competencies for Corrections Learning and Performance Professionals:** The National Institute of Corrections is soliciting proposals from organizations, groups, or individuals to enter into a cooperative agreement for a 12-month period to begin no later than September 15, 2013. Work under this cooperative agreement will involve the development of a core competency model and a corresponding complement of competency assessment instruments. The model will identify the core competencies both of learners in a corrections agency and corrections learning and performance staff.

**Eligible Applicants:** public or private agency, educational institution, organization, individual or team with expertise in the described areas.

For a full description of these grant, access grants.gov. *(Office of the Governor)*

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Century Tours, Inc. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

### Presenter & Trainer (01)

**Job Duties:** A key role for product selling by presenting products in variety of attractive and interesting ways, also should be qualified as a trainer for tour guide for promoting tour service. Make presentation to visitors as per company's presentation materials and requirements to make visitors experience the local culture and warm welcome. Work closely with management team to conduct training material either for tour guide or presentation related, including participant binders and handouts, signage, etc. Ensure appropriate supplies are on site for all events. Provide on site staffing logistics management and support staffing during training events. Summarize evaluation reports for trainings and providing outcomes to management team within on week of each training. Support administrative functions of training program and staff as needed (includes but not limited to : correspondence with training participants and clients, date entry, filing, photocopying, scheduling, booking travel, etc.) Maintain and update files (hard & electronic copies) pertaining to training programs and perform revisions as necessary, including creation of new presentations, handouts or case studies, keep training materials up to date. Project management and/or administrative support for ongoing efforts in the areas of marketing, materials production, etc. A carrier of company culture delivery and team building activities. Other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** Bachelor's degree or equal degree. Previous presenter & trainer or relevant experience preferred. Positive interpersonal skills. High skill of presentation and sales ability. Good computer and typing skills are required. Excel and Word proficiency. Excellent listening and comprehension skills. Excellent customer service skills. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

### Accounting Manager (01)

**Job Duties:** Establish financial status by developing and implementing systems for collecting, analyzing, verifying, and reporting financial information. Manage staff. Accomplishes accounting human resource objectives. Communicate job expectations; planning, monitoring, appraising, and reviewing job contributions. Plan and review compensation actions. Enforce policies and procedures. Achieve accounting operational objectives by contributing accounting information and recommendations to strategic plans and reviews. Prepare and complete action plans. Implement productivity, quality, and customer-service standards. Resolve problems, complete audits, identify trends. Determine system improvements and implement change. Meet accounting financial objectives. Prepare annual budget. Schedule expenditures. Analyze variances, initiate corrective actions. Confirm financial status by monitoring revenue and expenses. Coordinate the collection, consolidation, and evaluation of financial data. Prepare special reports. Maintain accounting controls by establishing a chart of accounts; defining accounting policies and procedures. Guide other departments by researching and interpreting accounting policy. Apply observations and recommendations to operational issues. Maintain financial security by establishing internal controls. Avoid legal challenges by understanding current and proposed legislation. Enforce accounting regulations and recommend new procedures. Protect organization's value by keeping information confidential. Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities. Participate in professional organizations. Accomplishes accounting and organization mission by completing related results as needed.

**Requirements:** College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. Excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

### Front Desk (02)

**Job Duties:** Interact with guests and ensure they have a great experience during their stay. Responsible for responding to guest calls or inquiries about room reservations, to provide information and reserve rooms for guests. Answer incoming calls and assist with reservations, confirmations, room need requests, and questions. Explain products, service and other info as requested. Sell, process and enter and confirm room reservations using selling techniques and strategies. Greet guests warmly and perform registration procedures. Provide guests with appropriate room assignments, room keys, directions to the rooms, while up-selling when appropriate. Verify payment for stay including incidental costs by obtaining credit information. Assist guests with issues and complaints, with empathy and a focus on guest satisfaction, use supervisor support when necessary. Answer incoming calls in a timely manner with appropriate greeting. Maintain accurate logs of mail, packages, parcels or other items for guest delivery. Post charges to guest accounts as designated. Facilitate guest departures providing accurate statements and ensuring guest satisfaction and collecting all payments due. Other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** High school diploma or equivalent. Previous guest service and reservations experience preferred. Positive interpersonal skills required. Good computer and typing skills are required. Excel and Word proficiency desired. Previous experience preferred. Excellent listening and comprehension skills required. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

### IT Network Technician (01)

**Job Duties:** Daily IT system and server maintaining, problem solving to ensure daily IT system working smoothly. Monitor and provide solution for network security. Provide on-going communication with Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and other satellite offices and local departments regarding server problem or other issues when needed. Maintain the enterprise's IT security documents (policies, standards, guidelines and procedures). Perform regular security awareness/IT knowledge for all employees to ensure consistently high levels of compliance with enterprise security documents. Provide orientation to new users of existing technology. Maintain log and/or list of required repairs and maintenance when cost occurs or same problem comes often. Provide network access, email account set up, PC preparation, etc. for new employee before joining. Operate as technician during tour presentation, such as light adjusting, music controlling, etc. Other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** At least 4 years Bachelor degree in computer science or relevant field. At least 2 years prior experience required, both on IT industry and Exhibition industry. Be familiar with hardware and software, network operating system/administration/installation, Email and internet programs, computer viruses and security. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Knowledge of ERP is preferred. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Salary will be paid and positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite locations are on Saipan and at all 880 Duty Free and Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained at the Century Tours, Inc. Office at the Kanoa Resort Ground Floor located on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan while resumes may be emailed at camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Friday, August 01, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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**Requirements:** College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising, presentation, and training. Specialty retailer preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills--detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Innovative thinker/problem solver. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Able to read and analyze retail reports and take action as necessary to adjust merchandising and presentation set ups. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills--written and verbal communication; listening and follow through. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. Attention to details. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

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## Israelis and Palestinians try gain to give peace a chance

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When negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians resume in Washington, both delegations can save a lot of time on making preparations, especially on speeches and opening remarks. Why work day and night and agonize over the right wording and nuances, when everything has already been said?

The Israeli representative, for example, can pick up a piece of paper from the archive and read as follows: "Our Palestinian partners in peace, we feel that we can work together with you. We have been empowered to continue to change the course of history and to follow in the direction of our two leaders, who make the historical decisions. We hear the call of our peoples and the order of our children: Put an end forever to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and build good relations between neighbors, living apart, differing in character, history and aspirations, yet destined to dwell side by side."

His Palestinian counterpart can respond with the following words: "We will spare no effort and will work diligently and tirelessly to ensure that these new negotiations achieve their goals and objectives in dealing with all of the issues: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, border security, water, as well as the release of all our prisoners—in order to achieve peace. The people of our area are looking for peace that achieves freedom, independence and justice to the Palestinian people in their country and in their homeland and in the diaspora—our people who have endured decades of longstanding suffering."

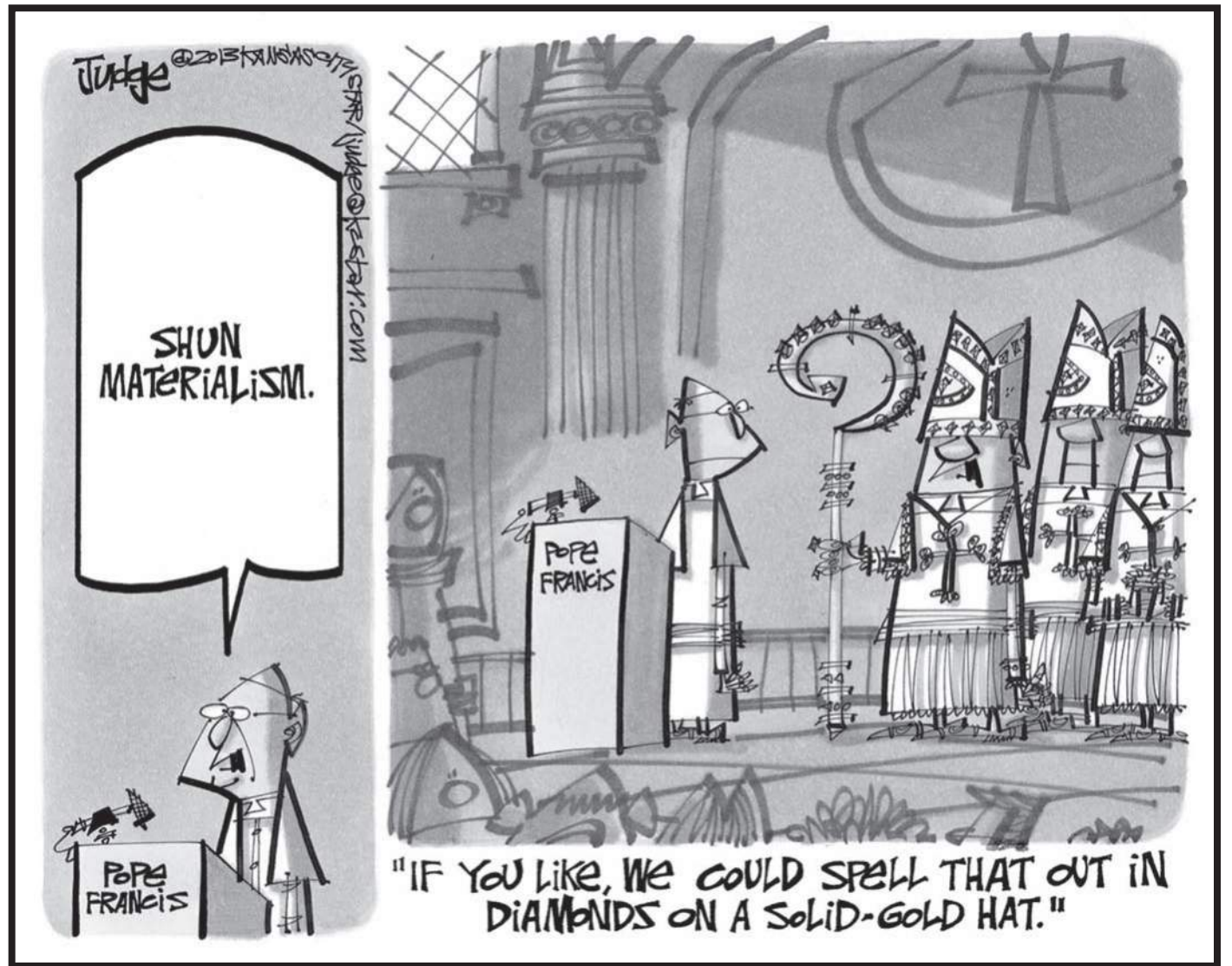
As a matter of fact, the Israeli speech was actually delivered on May 5, 1996, by then-Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry Uri Savir, at the opening of the Taba negotiations. The Palestinian one was given on September 1, 2010, by Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), president of the Palestinian Authority, when he met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington. Of course, both sides can choose from a multitude of similar speeches, given at countless negotiations in between.

Martin Indyk, former U.S. ambassador to Israel, who has just been appointed by the Obama administration as the chief mediator between the Israelis and the Palestinians, can also save himself the trouble of preparing opening remarks. He can just browse through his files and dig up something he said on Dec. 22, 1997, when he was assistant secretary of State for Near East affairs during the Clinton administration: "There is still a lot of hard work to be done, but the United States, the president and the secretary of State, remain committed to moving this process ahead as quickly as possible so we can achieve an agreement and start final status talks as soon as possible."

This sense of déjà vu can explain a lot of the cynicism that accompanies the announcement on Secretary of State John Kerry's success in jump-starting the stalled peace process. Israelis and Palestinians have already seen and heard everything. What makes this new round different than the previous ones?

It has always been my belief that with all the fine words negotiating partners might use on the merits of peace, real peace between Arabs and Israelis will only happen when both sides

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## Helen Thomas at 92 writes 10-4

Well, not exactly. Ten-Four is an emergency code for "message understood" but has also been mistakenly interchanged with "over and out" transmittals, appropriated by popular culture from truck drivers who "ham" it up on the road among themselves when ending an alert of where Smokey is hiding.

Helen Thomas at 92, sickly in the last two, particularly after she resigned when she was quoted saying that Israel should get out of Palestine, and the Jews return to Germany, Poland, and the United States. Helen fell into the liberal dilemma of being anti-Zionist without being anti-Semitic. In fact, Semite Helen suffered as a child (offspring of Noah's Sem, Jews, and Arabs) in the anti-Arabic ethos of America, though she was probably more Greek-Roman with a name like "Antonius."

Her immigrant parents from Lebanon got Anglicized on Ellis Island as "Thomas." Helen was born in Kentucky, the seventh out of nine, grew up in Detroit where she pursued a course in journalism at Wayne University (now, Wayne State University). After graduation, she headed straight to Washington, D.C.

On a blog after her Israel comments, she wrote: "They do not reflect my heartfelt belief that peace will come to the Middle East only when all parties recognize the need for mutual respect and tolerance. May that day come soon." The feisty first lady of the press was a female White House correspondent, first with UPI until the Moonies took over, and then with Hearst.

Detroit has one of the largest concentrations of Greeks in America, along with moneyed Jews and, if Helen picked up anti-Jewish sentiments, it would not come as a surprise. "Getting out of Palestine" is not, however, necessarily anti-Jewish. Even Israel's former PM Menachem Begin recognized as much when he remarked that if the land is Palestine, it does not belong to Jews.

It is in the definition of Palestine that is problematic. Old "Philistia" was pentapoles of seafarers who settled in today's Gaza, Ashkelon, and Ashdod possibly from the Aegean. Herodotus, concurred by Ptolemy many hundred years later, expanded that to the crossroads between Syria, Arabia, and Egypt. It has been a crossroads ever since.

Ancient Egypt, Canaan, Israel, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Byzantium, Zuni Arab and Shia Fatimid caliphates, Crusade, Ayyubid, Mameluk, Ottoman, and the Brits all left their signature in the region. Its boundaries changed throughout history, the last being a series of European meddling with the French-UK agreement in 1920, the Transjordan Memorandum of 1922 known as the Mandate formalized by the League of Nations in 1923, with Britain occupying Palestine (England was also mandated to take care of the Pacific south of the equator, as Japan took the role north except Hawaii and Guam) west of the Jordan while the Hashemite ruled the east.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The Hashemite today are spread in many places where Muslims rule: in Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Yemen, UAR, Egypt, Djibouti, Ethiopia, N. Sudan, and, of course, Palestine. The House of Saud won Arabia, thus, Saudi Arabia, got it?

Trying to unravel the linkages in the Middle East is not an easy task. The partition of Palestine in 1949 to give the Brits a dignified exit out of the Middle East after the devastating World War, an Arab nationalist revolt and a civil war, left 3 million stragglers including survivors from the Holocaust looking at 120 million armed Hashemite; we might be sympathetic to the offspring of Saul, David, and Solomon doing their exodus into territory lost since the Romans expanded Philistia into the whole of Palestine by the Jordan.

Helen Thomas will be forgiven her unsophisticated generalization, but hers was not simply a matter of taking sides. Israel, for all intent and purposes, is treated like the 52nd State of the Union (after South Korea, imaginably a neighbor to California), with its military budget an extension of the Pentagon. We train and glorify Jewish armed warriors to guard against the Hashimi; the roots to the conflicts in Libya and Egypt, Syria and Iran, etc., leaves a long historical trail of which the British and its extension, the American Empire, is a dawdling neophyte in their crude interventions.

"Mutual respect and tolerance" was Helen's rejoinder, which to us reads like what the officials in Beijing tirelessly repeat. Lyndon Johnson rephrased an old saying: "Peace is a journey of a thousand steps taken one step at a time." Often, however, one step at a time takes too long and unhelpful patterns calcify in between. Helen found that out when being a female WH correspondent, she was expected to cover the activities of the kids and the wife. She broke through many glass ceilings.

As has been our custom, we do not pause to praise Helen, as we did not on dear Ruth Tighe of Saipan. Both ladies, in their magnificent ways, not the least of which was with the press, injected their beings into the annals of human history, inviting us to do likewise.

Whether they consciously or unconsciously made that call on others is not the point. They've done the deed. It is now for us to focus the need. To Helen, and her kind, *l'achaim!*



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## Repara Kuadrantemu

**N**ai hu sablasus un' cheluhu pot linache, ha ñaigon-yu' si nana-hu, "Muña mana' kuaddrau mampos kuadrante-mu". Era, kulan akonsehu na debi bai' atan sa' tautau hu fafana' ti makina.

I usun areglu mapasa papa' gi kada hinerasion. Hana' setbe haf' man-mafana' guen niha gi famaguon niha. Haf' man-makreansata hita lokue' tana setbe gi manatatte.

Taya' malaintension sa' ayu ta u' usa taimanu 'nai man-malulog hit.

Dispues de hu ebalua finu' i amku', hu sotta kada unu gigon man-echu tautau. Ayu na libetta 'nai siña umeyag lokue' lumimienda 'an lotgungue'.

Machuchuda' sinsiyu na sensian komunida guihe siha na tiempu. Tat ti mumuebague gi kinalamten che' chu' komunida yan inatenden i mas man-namase' na familia.

Maseha sumen makat na chalan in' pekate, ni unu sumeha chumogue che' chu' tautau gi karera mona. Mamoble mañainahu lau machuchuda' minagof gi ha' anen mame gi halom gineftau poble.

### Sentimienton Ordinariu

Sessu umekuñogogyu' finu' man-achaguagu man-ordinariu pot para bai' komprende haf' sessu asuntun niha. I ekun sentimentu gaige gi un' sunidu lau i mensahe unu ha' sustansiaña.

I baban i tiempu i finenina machuchuda' huyuñg ginen pachot niha. Tinatiye ni kuestion kau haf' bidan niniha i man-ma-elihe. Kau magahet na gi otu sakan umalañgag ma-atrebi siha man-mangagau konfiansa gi hilu destrosiau na konfiansan publiku kontra siha? Este solu na kalenturan publiku diberas ti amtiyon na biahe.

Hu birayu' dispues yah u pega gi fina' papet gi iyoghu komputa. 'An guaha tiempu sige hu estudiaye haf' sessu sustansian i mansañgan yan manu 'nai gaige hale'ña. Ni taimanu birahu ni asuntu todú i tiempu popoduñg gi baban ekonomia yan lastiman tisun kotbata.

Kase lamegai 'nai mandaña i man-ma-elihe gi menan fugera ya mañganta disintunau na sunidu tulanoche.

Hombre, nae' kampu sa' man-inayuyuda i taduñg hinasson niha pot satbasion asuntun linahyan ni esta gaige gi puntan tasi (horizon). Ai, finu' amiguu Magoo, "I don't know Maria."

### Otru asuntu siha

Kada matumbulu mona, tumbulu tatte ya 'nai ga' tut, mana' suha fond-un salape' para usun homestead giya Luta yan Tinian. Kanaha' 900 na aplikante man tineteka gi este na programa. Mauleg sa' kumalamten si former Speaker Oscar C. Rasa para umanana' lu tatte i fondu pot homestead iya Luta yan Tinian. I aplikante numesessita ayudu gi inestablesen primet na gima' familia.

Malagnos infotmacion dibin i Rota Gaming Commission poka mas o' menos \$800,000 na kuenta. Mauleg i kabesanten commission u esplikha haf' taimanu yan ginen manu mage este na trompison dibi. Ilegña lokue' si Rep. Terry Santos na para u famaisen ya uma' ina este na ripot ni public auditor para u guaha klaru na inalisan gastu siha gi commission. I dibi ti kuantan i munisipalidadat soluke i commission.

Fatsu ni dañkulu inaligau Kilili para una' fan sudadanu 12 mit na tautau hiyuñg guine ginen regulasion i US Homeland Security. Debi este na areglu u falofan gi pisun dos guma Congresson iya America. Este na koyentura ala kuenta ha punu' si Kilili proteksion tautau tanu' 'nai para u saulag regulasion.

Taya' señor (Kilili) binetan mame offisiat federat. Hagu in' beta para un' representa sentimentun tautau tanu'. Faktu lokue' na debi unna' brabu hau rumikonose haf' otu siha regulasion man-mamamaila' yan kau enfin sumasaunau pattisipasion iya Marianas taimanu maseñala gi papa' inkonfotman i Covenant.

Mauleg kinalamten tautau tanu' 'nai sige mabohau asuntun kutura yan tradision. Mauleg lokue' animon otu siha grupu para um-

cially. However, most people with common sense know there is no way casinos can accomplish all the things that have been promised. These promises reminded me of the old snake oil salesmen who promised that their tonic could cure any and everything. But just like the snake oil, this casino solving everything is only for suckers. I'm sure that most people with common sense are not buying this pie-in-the-sky rhetoric that is based on nothing creditable! The proponents for casinos are only shouting what they believe. Well, most of us believe in God and the many alternatives to casinos sav-

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ana' guaha konbetsasion estorian antes.

I tinatemu (history) ti un' finanue' haf' mamamaila'. Lau ninae' hau suficiente infotmacion taimanu fattomu mage. Manu 'nai tumotohge hau pa'gu i pisu 'nai un' planuye para manu hau.

Gi hilu' este, debi lokue' u sensiye haf' gaige gi halom korasonmu pot futtunan tautau-mu. Este solamismu na pisu na u gaige fitme hineñgemu yan kinimitimu pot kuttura yan tradision iya Marianas. Yangin taigue hineñge yan kinimite pues sessu siempre dimubina hau haf' un' pesisige pot natibu. Rimotke layagmu ya un' ta' lun umaregla gi sagaña.

I antigu na mañaina-ta umestablese tradision gualu' yan peska gi tanu' natibu siha. Desde antes de finatton Españaot esta i antigun na mañainata matanunume i tanu' natibu. 'Nos kuantos modun peska lokue' fitme gaige gi usun niha pot sinistenen familia.

Hu tatiye i mas man-amku' na mañainahu pot para bai' lie' haf' machochogue gi preparasion titiyas mai'es. Desde malasas, mapotgue, masufan, matala', ma-eskome, maguleg, mamulinu gi hilu' mitate ni manu, mapada yan mana' masa gi hilu' komat.

Tai bisnesmu manyaka titiyas 'an esta ginedde hau atraites (arthritis). Paire na titiyas ni mana ginachuñge finadeni' inasnen tukun 'sino tininon tinala' katne pat guihan. Bale matai pot este na boka piolet ya guaha flitadan babue pat guaka. A' Saina!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Never mind the people

The truth is the governor and the House of Representatives have literally said never mind the fact that the people have voted "no" twice on this issue. The governor and the House have chosen to say never mind the people and the social degradation they will endure from the increase in gambling additions and crime. The truth is the governor and House have said never mind the people of Tinian who will suffer even more as Saipan casinos will all but kill the Dynasty. The truth is the governor and House have said never mind the people of Rota, as Saipan casino efforts have *already* killed their casino and even caused the shutdown of a proposed second casino on Tinian. The truth is the governor and House have said we don't need a feasibility study before creating Saipan casinos but he demands a feasibility study for ferries! I am sure the average reader can see the dichotomy the governor and House have created for themselves by passing the casino legislation.

The people are now wide awake and have been ever since they started the cry to get rid of Gov. Fitial. Those politicians playing safe politics and just going along with the status quo and not offering any alternatives to casinos might get a big surprise in the next election. It seems some of the newly elected and veterans think their major job was over when the governor resigned when in reality it was just starting. The mandate of the people was not only for impeachment but for our leaders to take us in *any new direction* from the course Governor Fitial had us on, which was casino-bound. But what did our new governor do? Instead of setting a new course, his first official act was to go and ask for casino legislation.

The proponents for casinos have claimed that casinos can help the people fix almost everything that ail us finan-



After seeing this sign at the entrance to Kagman, I couldn't resist the opportunity to share this cartoon because the caption to this cartoon speaks the truth and volumes about our leadership's disrespect for the people. As you can see this is what happens after the people prayed and voted for alternatives to casinos. Having seen my prediction of casinos being shoved down our throats coming true and highlighted in this cartoon is truly redemptive of everything I have been saying about casinos for years.

ing us, not unsubstantiated casino talk. The people have spoken and maybe it is time for the people's representatives in the Senate who are supposed to keep a check on the Executive will send a strong message by saying no and never mind the governor—we work for the people!

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

## ISRAELIS

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come to the conclusion that they have exhausted all other options. In other words, that peace was their best choice to promote their national interests. Egypt, Israel's greatest enemy for decades, made peace with Israel only after realizing that Israel cannot be defeated by military force. Israelis, on the other hand, gave Sinai back to Egypt, something they had been reluctant to do before, only after the Yom Kippur War taught them the heavy toll of stagnation.

People in Israel should really salute the determination of Secretary Kerry in particular, and of all American administrations since the Six-Day War in general, for never giving up hope of brokering peace in this region. However, no American mediation and goodwill, or even pressure, for that matter, can possibly substitute for a genuine decision by the leaders of both sides to make peace.

So again, what's new in this round? Have the Israeli and Palestinian leaders really reached that crucial point?

Some of my friends maintain that true peace will only be possible when the two parties reach the point of mutual exhaustion. I hate this conclusion, because it means more bloodshed. Short of that, however, is there something that can convince Israelis and Palestinians that peace—with all the painful compromises and risks involved—is their preferred alternative?

I think that there is. On the Palestinian side: the realization that sooner than later, they might be declared a failed state, and that they will forever be doomed to fight for their sovereignty and never get it (see the case of the Kurds in the Middle East).

On the Israeli side: the growing awareness that every year of stagnation moves us closer to a bi-national state, where the Jewish and/or democratic nature of the state might be compromised.






So thank you, Mr. Kerry, and welcome again, Mr. Indyk. You might be surprised to find the two parties riper than ever. This time, I, for one am holding my breath.



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers.<br>East winds 10 to 15 mph.                  | Partly cloudy with isolated showers.<br>East winds 5 to 15 mph.                   | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.  | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.   | Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  |
| ▲88° ▼77°   | ▲88° ▼78°   | ▲87° ▼77°   | ▲87° ▼77°  | ▲88° ▼77°   |

### Micronesia

|               |               |         |
|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Guam and Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲89 ▼81 |
| Palau         | Thunderstorms | ▲84 ▼74 |
| Yap           | Thunderstorms | ▲92 ▼77 |
| Chuuk         | Thunderstorms | ▲86 ▼79 |
| Pohnpei       | Showers       | ▲87 ▼75 |
| Kosrae        | Showers       | ▲87 ▼75 |
| Majuro        | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 ▼80 |

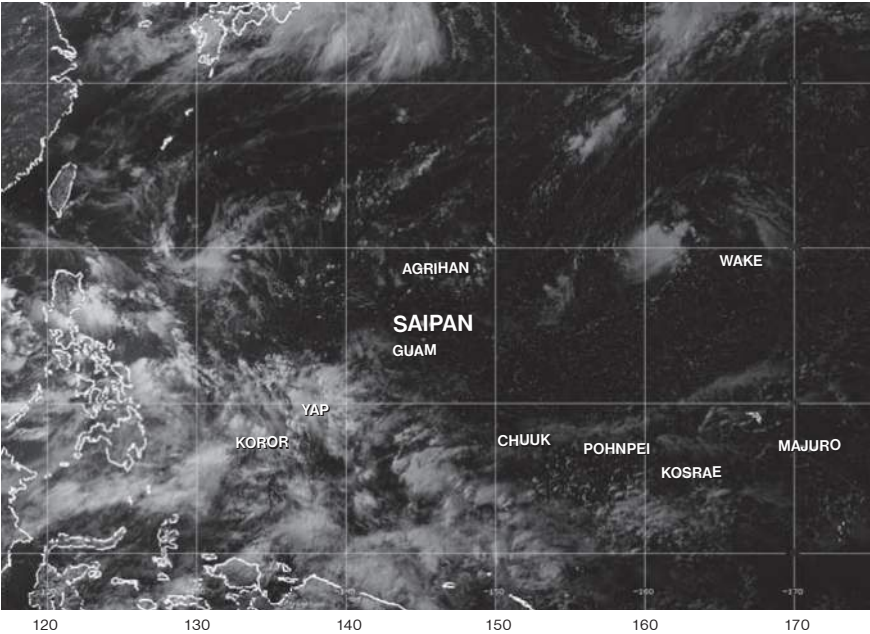
### Around The Globe

|                |                |         |
|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Auckland       | Partly Cloudy  | ▲62 ▼50 |
| Beijing        | Mostly Sunny   | ▲94 ▼73 |
| Hong Kong      | Partly Cloudy  | ▲90 ▼80 |
| Honolulu       | Showers        | ▲87 ▼77 |
| London         | Mostly Cloudy  | ▲67 ▼63 |
| Los Angeles    | Partly Cloudy  | ▲75 ▼60 |
| Manila         | Thundershowers | ▲88 ▼79 |
| Melbourne      | Sunny          | ▲61 ▼38 |
| Miami          | Thundershowers | ▲88 ▼78 |
| New York       | Showers        | ▲82 ▼66 |
| Osaka          | Thundershowers | ▲92 ▼77 |
| Paris          | Partly Cloudy  | ▲73 ▼63 |
| Pusan          | Partly Cloudy  | ▲86 ▼79 |
| Rome           | Sunny          | ▲90 ▼71 |
| Salem          | Mostly Sunny   | ▲84 ▼56 |
| San Francisco  | Partly Cloudy  | ▲58 ▼51 |
| Seoul          | Cloudy         | ▲86 ▼77 |
| Tokyo          | Thundershowers | ▲89 ▼75 |
| Washington, DC | Sunny          | ▲85 ▼68 |

### Tides

| Saipan Harbor |       |            |          |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| 1:44 AM       | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 9:05 AM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.3 Feet |
| 3:36 PM       | Today | High Tide: | 1.4 Feet |
| 8:37 PM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 1.0 Feet |

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging southeast winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms far west of the Mariana Islands or west of a line from 22N135E to 16N135E. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 10N130E to between Yap and Koror at 8N137E then through a weak circulation centered at 2N145E to end at EQ146E. Areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms cover portions of Yap state and the Republic of Palau to the southwest of a line from 13N137E to the equator at 155E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers near Tarawa within 75 miles of a line from 1N173E to 3N178E. An upper-level low is centered near 18N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near Wake Island between 18N and 22N from 160E to 168E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

|           |         |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Today     | 5:59 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:59 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Thursday  | 5:59 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Friday    | 6:00 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Saturday  | 6:00 AM | 6:46 PM |

### Moonrise/Moonset

|           |          |         |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Today     | 12:38 PM |         |
| Wednesday | 12:25 AM | 1:28 PM |
| Thursday  | 1:10 AM  | 2:18 PM |
| Friday    | 1:57 AM  | 3:07 PM |
| Saturday  | 2:44 AM  | 3:54 PM |

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

| DEPARTURES               |         |          |                               |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)        |         |          |                               |
| UA5070                   | 4:35am  | 5:25am   | 2, 4, 6, 7                    |
| UA5062                   | 4:50am  | 5:40am   | 1, 3, 5                       |
| UA5068                   | 8:35am  | 9:25am   | Daily                         |
| UA5074                   | 11:20am | 12:10pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7                    |
| UA5076                   | 3:10pm  | 4:00pm   | Daily                         |
| UA5078                   | 6:55pm  | 7:45pm   | Daily                         |
| UA5072                   | 9:45pm  | 10:35pm  | Daily                         |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)      |         |          |                               |
| DL287                    | 6:05am  | 8:45am   | Daily                         |
| DL297                    | 4:35pm  | 7:25pm   | Daily                         |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)       |         |          |                               |
| OZ608                    | 3:10am  | 6:20am   | 1, 4, 5, 7                    |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)       |         |          |                               |
| OZ606                    | 2:20am  | 6:00am   | 1                             |
| OZ606                    | 2:50am  | 6:30am   | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7              |
| OZ604                    | 3:30pm  | 6:55pm   | Daily                         |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)    |         |          |                               |
| 3U8648                   | 6:10am  | 8:40am   | 1, 4, 5, 7                    |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)     |         |          |                               |
| MU764                    | 4:10am  | 8:00am   | 1, 5                          |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)   |         |          |                               |
| 3U8646                   | 4:20am  | 7:30am   | 2, 6                          |
| SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)  |         |          |                               |
| SYL9950                  | 6:40pm  | 1:30am+1 | 7                             |
| SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO) |         |          |                               |
| XF1734                   | 4:15pm  | 10:30pm  | 4 Every other week eff May 16 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)      |         |          |                               |
| OZ606/701                | 2:20am  | 11:05am  | 1 via ICN                     |
| OZ606/701                | 2:50am  | 11:05am  | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN      |
| UA5070/191               | 4:35am  | 9:55am   | 6 via GUM                     |
| UA5062/191               | 4:50am  | 9:55am   | 3 via GUM                     |
| DL287/173                | 6:05am  | 10:05pm  | Daily via NRT                 |
| UA5068/PR111             | 8:35am  | 4:35pm   | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM         |
| US5074/PR111             | 11:20am | 4:35pm   | 1, 5, 7 via GUM               |
| UA5076/183               | 3:10pm  | 8:45pm   | 2, 5 via GUM                  |
| UA5076/183               | 3:10pm  | 8:50pm   | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM         |
| OZ604/703                | 3:30pm  | 10:45pm  | Daily via ICN                 |
| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)   |         |          |                               |
| OZ606/721                | 2:20am  | 11:50am  | 1 via ICN                     |
| OZ606/721                | 2:50am  | 11:50am  | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN      |
| UA5076/147               | 3:10pm  | 9:50pm   | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM            |
| OZ604/745                | 3:30pm  | 10:40pm  | Daily via ICN                 |

| ARRIVALS                 |         |           |                               |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN        |         |           |                               |
| UA 5069                  | 2:45am  | 3:35am    | 2, 4, 6, 7                    |
| UA5071                   | 7:15am  | 8:05am    | Daily                         |
| UA5073                   | 10:00am | 10:50am   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7              |
| UA5075                   | 1:45pm  | 2:35pm    | 1, 4, 5, 7                    |
| UA5077                   | 5:35pm  | 6:25pm    | Daily                         |
| UA5079                   | 8:20pm  | 9:10pm    | Daily                         |
| ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN        |         |           |                               |
| UA5062                   | 3:45am  | 4:20am    | 1, 3, 5                       |
| UA5038                   | 11:15am | 11:50am   | 6                             |
| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN      |         |           |                               |
| DL298                    | 10:25am | 3:05pm    | Daily                         |
| DL288                    | 8:15pm  | 12:50am+1 | Daily                         |
| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN       |         |           |                               |
| OZ607                    | 9:05pm  | 1:55am+1  | 3, 4, 6, 7                    |
| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN       |         |           |                               |
| OZ603                    | 8:50am  | 2:20pm    | Daily                         |
| OZ605                    | 7:40pm  | 1:10am+1  | 7                             |
| OZ605                    | 8:15pm  | 1:45am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6              |
| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN    |         |           |                               |
| 3U8647                   | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1  | 1, 4, 6, 7                    |
| BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN     |         |           |                               |
| MU763                    | 7:55pm  | 3:10am+1  | 4, 7                          |
| GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN   |         |           |                               |
| 3U8645                   | 7:40pm  | 3:00am+1  | 1, 5                          |
| KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN  |         |           |                               |
| SYL9949                  | 12:45pm | 5:20pm    | 7                             |
| VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN |         |           |                               |
| XF1733                   | 11:20am | 3:25pm    | 4 Every other week eff May 16 |
| MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN      |         |           |                               |
| PR110/UA5072             | 7:55am  | 6:25pm    | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM         |
| DL172/288                | 8:00am  | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT                 |
| UA190/5077               | 10:55am | 6:25pm    | 3, 6 via GUM                  |
| UA190/5079               | 10:55am | 9:10pm    | 3, 6 via GUM                  |
| OZ702/605                | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1  | 7 via ICN                     |
| OZ702/605                | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN      |
| UA184/5071               | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1  | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM         |
| OZ704/603                | 11:45pm | 2:20pm    | Daily via ICN                 |
| UA184/5071               | 11:35pm | 8:05am+1  | 2, 5 via GUM                  |
| HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN   |         |           |                               |
| OZ746/603                | 12:30am | 2:20pm    | Daily via ICN                 |
| OZ722/605                | 1:10pm  | 1:10am+1  | 7 via ICN                     |
| OZ722/605                | 1:10pm  | 1:45am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN      |
| UA180/5071               | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1  | 1, 5 via GUM                  |
| UA180/5071               | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1  | 3, 6 GUM                      |

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| Airline              | ETD   | ETA   | Frequency | Airline              | ETD   | ETA   | Frequency |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 115              | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 7:30  | 8:00  | Daily     | FRE 117              | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |       |       |           | FRE 119              | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 8:20  | 8:50  | Daily     | FRE 121              | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily     |
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 123              | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily     |
| FRE 300              | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily     | FRE 125              | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |       |       |           |                      |       |       |           |
| FRE 1750             | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily     | <b>Tinian-Saipan</b> |       |       |           |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>   |       |       |           | FRE 102              | 7:05  | 7:15  | Daily     |
| FRE 200              | 9:30  | 10:00 | Daily     | FRE 104              | 7:50  | 8:00  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 106              | 8:20  | 8:30  | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily     | FRE 108              | 9:00  | 9:10  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 110              | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily     | FRE 112              | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Tinian</b> |       |       |           | FRE 114              | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 101              | 6:45  | 6:55  | Daily     | FRE 116              | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily     |
| FRE 103              | 7:30  | 7:40  | Daily     | FRE 118              | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily     |
| FRE 105              | 8:00  | 8:10  | Daily     | FRE 120              | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily     |
| FRE 107              | 8:40  | 8:50  | Daily     | FRE 122              | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 109              | 9:10  | 9:20  | Daily     | FRE 124              | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily     |
| FRE 111              | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily     | FRE 126              | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily     |



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By SGT EDDIE SIGUENZA  
GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**PAKTYA PROVINCE**, Afghanistan—Almost a dozen Guam Army National Guardsmen perform their Operation Enduring Freedom mission in an area so isolated, mail arrives just twice a week—and that's dependent on an available helicopter to deliver it.

But to the soldiers from Echo Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, mail isn't a priority. Their responsibilities as guardian angels—personal bodyguards, so to speak—to military and civilian instructors are motivations that keep their minds focused.

"Honestly, the guys are in good spirits," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Cabedo, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Guam group stationed at Forward Operating Base Lightning. "Yeah, they miss their battle buddies and friends, but they know they have to be here for the mission. They know when they go out as guardian angels it's important. The instructors cannot operate without us."

The Guam Guardsmen escort principals to the Regional Logistic Support Command—Southeast's motorpool daily, just outside FOB Lightning, where they conduct classroom theory and hands-on instruction to Afghan National Army mechanics. Majority of the students are in their 20s. Most of their training involves maintenance of a standard tactical vehicle.

The Guam Guard's mission began shortly after Task Force Guam assumed responsibility from Task Force Centurion Prime in May.

So far, there have been three different contracting groups that required the Guam Guard's assistance, Cabedo explained. There have been close to two dozen instructors that the soldiers have provided protection for. While class is in session, the



Pfc. Chester De Leon of Echo Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, signs an accountability form July 8 at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Paktya Province, Afghanistan, in the vicinity of the Pakistan border. De Leon is one of a handful of Guam Guardsmen isolated in this camp performing guardian angel missions for civilian and military instructors teaching Afghan National Army mechanics.

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# Task Force Guam stretches mission to Lightning base



Members of Echo Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, are picture together at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Paktya Province, Afghanistan, with dignitaries from Task Force Guam. Kneeling: Master Sgt. Duane Perez, 1st Sgt., Echo Company; Pfc. Vincent Quidachay; Sgt. Vincent Santos; Chaplain Ronaldo Pascua, Task Force Guam chaplain; and Sgt. Jojo Benavente. Standing: Command Sgt. Maj. Mel Hennegan, Task Force Guam command sergeant major; Spc. Ivan Palacios; Spc. Jesse Dela Cruz; Spc. Steven Amaguin; Pfc. Chester De Leon; Pfc. Justin Gogue; Staff Sgt. Phillip Cabedo; Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Castro; and Spc. Mark Ishmael.

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soldiers are watchful of what goes on inside as well as outside of the main building.

"Right there, that's the future of this operation," said Sgt. Vincent J. Santos, fire team leader, pointing to the ANA mechanics. "They're here to learn about these vehicles and what to do when they break down. To do that, they have to learn from the instructors. And the instructors need us so they can perform their duties effectively."

FOB Lightning is a relatively small compound inside FOB Thunder, an ANA-operated complex. FOB Lightning is so small the finance office for soldiers is available just once a month, Cabedo explained. A small post exchange opens just an hour per day and that's not



Master Sgt. Duane Perez, center, 1st Sgt. Echo Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, greets Sgt. Zahidllah Sargan of the Afghan National Army July 9 at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Paktya Province, Afghanistan. Perez visited a squad of his troops stationed at this isolated base in the vicinity of the Pakistan border. Sargan is a mechanic who leads a group of ANA Soldiers with hands-on training on vehicles. Standing next to Perez is Staff Sgt. Phillip Cabedo, NCO in charge of the group. The Task Force Guam Soldiers serve as guardian angels for civilian and military instructors.

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Master Sgt. Duane Perez, first sergeant, Echo Company, Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Castro, platoon sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Phillip Cabedo, NCO in charge at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Paktya Province, Afghanistan, discuss routes on a map July 8 at FOB Lightning's mechanical facility. Perez and Castro visited the small team of Soldiers from Task Force Guam stationed here.

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even seven days a week.

The Guam Guardsmen share billeting with soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, the primary unit at FOB Lightning. Task Force Guam's role is simply to conduct Guardian Angel missions. FOB Lightning is closer to the Pakistan border than it is to Kabul, Afghanistan's capital and site of the majority of Echo Company soldiers.

"Yeah we're separated from the rest of the company, but we understand our role here," Santos added. "And they understand why we're placed here. We're getting the support we need."

Task Force Guam continues assisting the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan's goal of building and supporting the Afghan national security force.



Pfc. Chester De Leon, right, a member of Echo Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, befriends mechanics of the Afghan National Army July 8 at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Paktya Province, Afghanistan. De Leon is one of a small team of Guam Guardsmen performing guardian angel missions for civilian and military instructors of these ANA mechanics.

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# Guam Guardsmen provide security for MSFV training

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**CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan**—Throughout Afghanistan, Task Force Guam soldiers play a small yet vital role in the big picture of Afghan's security future.

Such is the case at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul province, where a team from Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, does a professional job of supporting the Afghan National Army.

About a dozen Guam Guardsmen serve as guardian angels for civilian instructors, who in turn conduct extensive training on Mobile Strike Force Vehicles, or MSFVs, a critical piece of equipment for ANA operations.

In one of Afghanistan's key institutions where ANA soldiers are trained, Guam Guardsmen inconspicuously fulfill their Operation Enduring Freedom requirements by protecting civilians from possible threats.

"This is important because of the combat continuity that this course provides the ANA," said Capt. Gene Guerrero, HHC commander. "HHC's guardian angel protection helps contractors and [Department of the Army] civilians focus on the students and teach the course instead of worrying about external threats, if any."

This is a daily operation, Guerrero explained. His soldiers spend hours a day within close distance of their principals, or somewhere about ANA's Armored Branch School, site of hundreds of MSFVs. The school draws large amounts of ANA soldiers, who must complete an eight-week class of theoretical and practical MSFV training.

"This mission is important because now the Afghans have the lead in the security of their country and the Coalition Forces have the back seat," Guerrero said. "These classes and these vehicles help them to secure a better Afghanistan."



Staff Sgt. Erico M. Santos, non-commissioned officer in charge of Headquarters-Headquarters Company's squad at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan, monitors his radio July 6 as members of his group provide security for civilian instructors at the Afghan National Army's Armored Branch School in Kabul.

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Staff Sgt. Erico M. Santos, center, NCO in charge of Headquarters-Headquarters Company's squad at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan, points to a direction where troops are located to Lt. Col. Michael Tougher, commander, Task Force Guam, July 6 at Camp Blackhorse. Several Guam Army National Guardsmen from Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, are based at Blackhorse performing personal security details.

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Sgt. Joey O. Flores, center, fire team leader for Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, updates and informs HHC first sergeant, 1st Sgt. John T. Johnson, left, and Capt. Gene Guerrero, HHC commander, July 6 on his team's mission at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan.

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The Guam Guardsmen understand that their mission supports Afghanistan's security. Staff Sgt. Erico M. Santos, non-commissioned officer in charge of the group stationed at Camp Blackhorse, assures everyone has radio communication when performing their missions. Several tactical vehicles, occupied with a gunner and driver, are placed in strategic areas and situated in a manner that allows them to maneuver elsewhere if needed quickly.

The Guam Guardsmen also rotate throughout the compound on foot, keeping the perimeter in sight as well as inside classrooms and adjacent buildings.

"Our main focus is taking care of the guys who are doing their job securing the future of Afghanistan," said Santos. "We're trying to keep everything safe so they can concentrate on the training."

Alfredo de Jesus, a civilian instructor and MSFV field service technician, stressed the importance of the Guam soldiers' mission.

"Having the Guam soldiers providing security day in and out is very important for my coworkers and me. Without their support, we would not be able to perform our duties feeling secured."

ANA participants receive multiple weeks of training on three different MSFVs. The first session is operator new equip-

Pfc. Ken "Mojo" Mojica of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, maneuvers through Mobile Strike Force Vehicles (MSFVs) July 6 at the Afghan National Army's Armored Branch School at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Pfc. Ken "Mojo" Mojica of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, patrols an area July 6 of the Armored Branch School at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Staff Sgt. Erico M. Santos, background, noncommissioned officer in charge of Headquarters-Headquarters Company's squad at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan, uses his scope to scan a sector of the Afghan National Army's Armored Branch School at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan. Pfc. James Nanguata, foreground, also scans the sector.

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ment training and field level maintainer. The second session is a 10-week tactical training phase, followed by the final six-week consolidation phase.

"The goal for the Armored Branch School is to have the Afghans all trained to the point

that by the start of training for the seventh Kandak [Special Operations unit], the Afghans will be self sustained and training themselves," said John B. Simpson III, program manager, Afghanistan Operations and Logistics for Textron Marine and Land Systems.

"It's a continuous effort to protect U.S. interests and personnel," said 1st Sgt. John T. Johnson, of HHC. "There is a constant possibility of insider threats. In order to mitigate that threat we must provide constant force protection presence for our soldiers and civilians."

"It's important for Task Force Guam because our personnel are conducting these missions. We contribute to the overall success of the NTM-A mission and to the great people of Afghanistan."

In May 2011, Textron Marine & Land Systems was awarded a full-rate production contract by the U.S. Army to supply 240 MSFVs for the ANA (Source: <http://www.army-technology.com>). The contract also includes the provision of related equipment, spares, field service and training.

The MSFV offers higher ballistic protection than mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, the website states. The vehicle is also equipped with innovative protection design features to achieve MRAP level of blast protection.





# Tagged tuna recaptured after 13 years on the run

A bigeye tuna has been recaptured, nearly 13 years after it was originally caught, tagged, and released as part of a scientific experiment.

The 100-kilogram tuna was caught 1,000 kilometers east of Fiji and the tag returned to fisheries scientists in Noumea.

The monitoring program is organized by the Fisheries Division of Secretariat of the Pacific Community as part of a research effort to maintain the health and sustainability of the tuna fishery in the Pacific.

Scientists say that 13 years on the run is close to a record period of freedom, in a tuna-tagging program SPC began in the 1970s.

Bruno Leroy, a fisheries scientist with SPC, said that trained teams catch and release thousands of tuna after fitting them with a numbered plastic tag and recording its species, size, condition, tagging date and location.

"This fish is a great find," he said. "Recovering the tags is crucial to the success of our program because they provide information on the growth, movements, natural mortality and fishing mortality of tuna, and help us estimate the status of tuna stocks and the impact of fishing."

"The fish was an old fellow, at least 15 years old, and its recapture is of great value for us as an indication of the longevity of bigeye tuna."

The tag, a conventional yellow plastic dart tag, was fitted to the back of the fish in October 2000. Scientists were surprised that it was retrieved very close to its release position.

The tag was found by Samuela Ratini, a crew member of Taiwanese vessel *San Sai FA No 12*, and recorded by the ship's observer, Sitakio Semisi from Tonga. SPC helps train observ-

ers who are stationed on foreign tuna fishing vessels in the Pacific, where their job is to count, measure, and identify all tuna taken by the vessel.

Tuna fishing is the biggest industry in the Pacific, worth \$5 billion per year. It provides food, employment, and income to the 10 million people living in the region.

"Monitoring fish populations is a big part of keeping a check on tuna," Bruno Leroy said. "This is the world's biggest tuna fishery and Pacific countries have to manage the fisheries to keep them sustainable. In 2006 we launched the biggest tuna tagging program in the world."

"Since then we have tagged close to 400,000 fish and over 60,000 of these have been recaptured. Recovering tags gives us information that is critical for estimating the status of tuna stocks and the impact of fishing."

Tuna can be fitted with different sorts of tags: conventional plastic tags or electronic tags that record information about the tuna and the environment in which a tagged fish lives.

With funding and operational support from Papua New Guinea, the French Global Environment Facility, Australia, the European Union, France, New Zealand, the United States, Korea, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, and Heinz Australia, the program has tagged fish from Indonesian waters in the west right across to French Polynesia in the central Pacific.

Australia is one of the major supporters of SPC, which has a mission to provide scientific advice to the 22 countries and territories of the Pacific. SPC assists these countries on issues such as development, health and the environment. (SPC)



Brian Kumasi, right, tags tuna in Papua New Guinea waters onboard the *FV Soltai* in April 2013.

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## Dental hygiene training in Palau

Over a 10-week period the Fiji National University Dental School conducted a Dental Hygiene Training Program at the Palau Ministry of Health, training 10 MOH dental assistants and one oral health worker from the Palau Head Start Program. The Dental School is part of the FNU College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, formerly called the Fiji School of Medicine.

This program was funded by FNU with AUSAID funds and is part of a Tripartite Cooperative Agreement between FNU, MOH, and Palau Community College.

Dr. Leenu Maimanuku, head of the FNU Dental School, came to Palau in April and, after an initial assessment of the level of the academic readiness of the MOH dental assistants and Head Start worker, began the rigorous 10-week Dental Hygiene Training Program.

The purpose of the training was to upgrade the current MOH dental assistants and Head Start worker and provide credible in-country dental hygiene training so that the students could provide a higher level of oral health care to the public and be eligible to receive dental hygiene licenses from the Palau Board of Health Professions, which oversees the professional licensing for all health workers in Palau.

To make the process even more credible, an external examiner was brought in specifically to participate in the final examination process and to monitor the quality and fairness of the

examination process. It is the role of an external examiner to ask: "Did the training program achieve its goals and objectives and are the candidates suitably trained?" The external examiner was Dr. Bernadette Pushpaangaeli, deputy head of the FNU Dental School, who flew to Palau to join Dr. Maimanuku

cation, clean teeth, conduct fillings on primary (baby) teeth of children, and can extract (pull) teeth when necessary on both children and adults.

The Ministry of Health was very fortunate to have had the head of the FNU Dental School, Dr. Maimanuku, as the trainer. She came with

missioned by the Palau MOH, Palau has very high rates of tooth decay among children and adults and dental damage and oral cancers due to betel nut chewing. There are also not enough trained oral health workers to address these problems in Palau. Skilling up dental assistants to dental hygienists is an innovative strategy to increase the skills of local oral health workers.

This training program is just one of several projects under the banner of the tripartite agreement that was signed by PCC, MOH, and FNU in July 2012. Other projects include: 1) Placing a senior nursing faculty advisor from the FNU Nursing School—Sister Iloi Rabuka, a former head of the FNU Nursing School—at PCC in order to assist PCC's Nursing Program; 2) Sponsoring the Pacific Basin Dental Association Meeting in December 2012, which was hosted by PCC and MOH. FNU provided the professional training component for the meeting of regional dentists and other oral health workers. FNU will also be conducting a bachelor's degree in Public Health Nursing Training Program in Palau for select MOH senior nurses. The Ministry of Health and PCC are very appreciative of FNU's efforts to skill-up our local health care workers.

*Contributed by Dr. Gregory Dever, Regional Human Resources for Health Coordinator, Pacific Island Health Officers Association.*



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From left, Dr. Leenu Raju Maimanuku, Palau Community College president Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Gregory Dever, and Dr. Bernadette Pushpaangaeli.

and Dr. Louisa Santos, training coordinator - MOH Dental Unit, in order to participate in the final examination process.

Dental hygienists are part of a career ladder process that starts with dental assistants, then dental hygienists, dental therapists, and then dentists. The role of dental hygienists is both preventive and clinical. They conduct oral health edu-

her husband and four children who enjoyed Palau while she worked full time in the demanding training program.

It is hoped that this training experience can become a dental hygiene training model for the other Freely Associated States countries and help alleviate the shortage of oral health workers in the region.

According to studies com-

## Off-duty Coast Guardsman saves child's life

**APRA HARBOR, Guam**—An off-duty Coast Guard senior enlisted member helped Marriott pool attendants save the life of an 11-year-old Japanese boy Thursday evening.

A guest of the hotel and visiting Guam on Coast Guard business, Master Chief Christopher Windnagle was talking with pool staff while one of the attendants noticed a young boy drowning in the pool. The attendant jumped in, grabbed the boy and passed him to Windnagle, at which point Windnagle began rescue breathing for the child. Throughout the week, Windnagle had mentioned in conversation to the attendants that he is in the Coast Guard.

Windnagle proceeded to revive the boy just before Guam Fire and Rescue crews arrived on scene to continue life support and transport the child to the hospital. The latest report

is that the child is alert and responding.

"Everyone at the pool wanted to help, I just happened to be at the right place at the right time and with the knowledge to help... I thank my Coast Guard training and my experience with Women's Bay Fire Department in Kodiak, Alaska," said Windnagle, and in his words, the pool attendant who initially spotted the child drowning was "the true hero."

Windnagle was here on a familiarity trip, as he just recently took position as Command Master Chief for the Coast Guard's District 14 region. He was traveling with the new District Commander, Rear Adm. Cari Thomas.

Thomas praised Windnagle's quick actions that saved the boy's life, stating "Master Chief epitomizes the Coast Guard's commitment and legacy of saving lives." (PR)



# Bordallo asks for greater clarity on Asia-Pacific rebalance

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) joined members of the full House Armed Services Committee on July 24 in discussing the importance of the rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific region and its implications to U.S. national security.

Witnesses included Dr. Michael Auslin, resident scholar, Asian Studies and director, Japanese Studies, American Enterprise Institute; Dr. Patrick Cronin, senior adviser and senior director of the Asia Program, Center for a New American Security; Adm. Gary Roughead, USN (ret.), Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution; Dr. James Shinn, lecturer, School of Engineering, Princeton University.

Bordallo also recently joined several of her HASC colleagues in cosigning a letter to National Security Adviser Susan Rice

requesting clear interagency guidance enabling a broad effort to empower departments and agencies to implement this rebalance strategy. During the hearing, Bordallo highlighted the landslide victory for the Liberal Democratic Party in the upper house of the Japanese Diet and asked what kind of impact it may have on U.S.-Japan strategic defense partnership. She asked whether the Abe Administration would be able to leverage this victory to press for more progress in the development of a Futenma Replacement Facility in Okinawa. She also asked whether delays in the Guam realignment have had any impact on our political capital and regional credibility.

Roughead said the Liberal Democratic Party's victory will change the nature of the debate in discussions on the realignment but said it was too early

to comment on what effect it may have on FRF progress. Additionally, Shinn noted that the failure to move forward with the FRF and the Guam realignment has done some damage in the past and is a notable test point for the Government of Japan in gauging whether there is Congressional and broad political support for the rebalance.

"The strategic rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region is a whole-of-government effort that includes increased diplomatic, military and economic focus on this critical region of the world," said Bordallo. "Our efforts to rebalance military assets in the Asia-Pacific are intended to better shape the security environment in this region. We have never been good at determining when or where the next fight might occur but these efforts are intended to avoid that choice and ensure the peaceful rise of nations

in the Asia-Pacific region.

This was as an important hearing to better articulate our country's strategic interests in the region, and our panel of witnesses emphasized that more than the economic opportunities and improved diplomacy that will abound, the real purpose of this rebalance is to promote regional security and stability. I hope that we will have more frank discussions on the rebalance to better demonstrate the importance of the Pacific realignments and the role Guam will play in the coming years. I also appreciated Dr. Shinn's comments in highlighting that the Senate's continued obstruction to progress on the realignment of Marines from Okinawa to Guam has cost us political and diplomatic capital with our close allies in Japan. It's time to get on with this very tangible part of the rebalance." (PR)

## Protest rally vs China draws a hundred-plus on Saipan

The July 24 Global protest rally against China's invasion of the Philippines initiated by the US Pinoys for Good Governance that was held on Saipan and other parts of the world was a huge success, said Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of the US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter and secretary, board member, and founding member of the Global Filipino Diaspora Council.

On Saipan, the rally was held at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe and was participated in by more than a hundred individuals composed of Filipino foreign workers, students, pastors, and children. Senior citizens, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and other ethnic groups also attended to show their condemnation of China's aggression toward the Philippines.

The rally was organized by USP4GG Marianas Chapter led by Dr. Lamkin, in collaboration with the Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan.

In the Philippines, 1,500 participants composed of more than 60 groups, associations, sorority groups, student organizations, Christian churches, ministers, pastors, lawyers, former government officials and lawmakers, party list groups, private individuals and the West Philippine Sea Coalition, among others, marched and rallied in front of the Chinese consulate in Makati.

Attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis, national chairperson of the US Pinoys for Good Governance and Global Filipinos Diaspora Council, led the same protest in front of the United Nations in New York, which

was attended by more than 150 participants composed of Filipino-American leaders, students and the Vietnamese-American community.

The San Francisco protest rally was led by attorney Rodel Rodis, USP4GG president, and attorney Ted Laguatan, USP4GG spokesperson and legal counsel.

"On behalf of the US Pinoys for Good Governance, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to those who have helped, assisted, collaborated and cooperated for the success of the peaceful global protest rally and prayer against China's invasion of the West Philippine Sea," said Lamkin.

July 24 marked the first anniversary of China's creation of the "Sansha City" prefecture, which was created to oversee and administer the 1-million-square-mile South China Sea, which straddles large chunks of neighboring countries like the Philippines. The central government in Beijing gave Sansha City the authority "to board, seize, and expel foreign ships" within its jurisdiction.

This was preceded by a series of provocative moves by China against the Philippines, including the 2012 occupation of the Scarborough Shoal by 90 Chinese ships, an increased Chinese military presence at Ayungin Reef, and a Chinese general's boastful exposition of China's "cabbage strategy," which is to surround Philippine territories with a massive Chinese naval presence to starve Filipino detachments and prevent reinforcements from reaching them. (PR)

## Deadline to register for PSS online courses nears

The Distance Education Program of the CNMI Public School System is reminding secondary students that Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, is the deadline to register for PSS online courses at [www.cnmipss.org](http://www.cnmipss.org) or [www.goo.gl/PLCLY](http://www.goo.gl/PLCLY).

PSS online courses are free and open to secondary students (7th to 12th grade) residing in the CNMI (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) from both public and private schools who need to fulfill graduation or elective requirements. Advance Placement and Pre-AP courses are also available. Seats are first-come, first-serve with priority given to seniors and juniors. Credit recovery students may register but are not guaranteed a seat.

Students must get a school counselor or administrator approval to register. Students who need approval should bring a copy of their transcript or academic evaluation and visit a counselor at the following PSS schools.

■ KHS: July 29 to Aug. 9, from 8am to 12am by appointment only

■ KHS: July 29 and July 31, from 12:30pm to 4pm

■ MHS: July 29 to Aug. 22, Monday to Thursday, from 8:30am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 2:30pm

■ CHA: Aug. 2, from 10:30am to 3pm

■ GTC: Aug. 5 to 8, Monday to Thursday, from 10am – 3pm

■ SSHS: Aug. 12 to 15, Monday to Thursday, from 10am – 3pm

■ HJHS: Aug. 1 to Aug. 22, by appointment only

■ RHI: Aug. 1 to Aug. 22, by appointment only

■ TJSH: Aug. 1 to Aug. 22, by appointment only

To view the most updated CNMI PSS DE Calendar, go to [www.goo.gl/fhqoC](http://www.goo.gl/fhqoC).

More information can be found at [www.cnmipss.org](http://www.cnmipss.org) or by emailing Jeaniffer Cubangbang at [distance.education@cnmipss.org](mailto:distance.education@cnmipss.org). (PR)



### REUNION PICNIC

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 hold their class picnic at Aquarius Beach on July 13, 2013. The MHS Class of 1993's 20th Reunion Party was held at the True North Bar & Grill, on Beach Road, Garapan from 5pm to closing.

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### REUNION MASS

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 hold their reunion Mass on July 6, 2013. The class members include Glenn Arriola, Jessica Rasiang, Marie Castro Tenorio, Roca Quitugua Sablan, Marcia Nishimura-Calvo, Irene Tudela, Reeda Tarope, Vivian Sablan, Jocelyn Camacho Seman, Franklin Ramon, Jackie Sokau Sablan, Martha Teregeyo, Gigi Cruz Gomez, Jack Torres, Maryann Borja-Arriola, Jean Olopai-Rabauliman, Mark Rabauliman, Lynn Duenas, Jordan Kosam, Frank Camacho, Alvin Takai, Paul Lisua, Tina Tenorio, Fredrick Billy.



### BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

It has been 20 years since the Class of 1993 graduated from Marianas High School. To mark this significant milestone, the class honored the school with a reunion project—the MHS Beautification done-in-a-day Project on June 15, 2013. In photo are Maryann Arriola, Vivian Sablan (alumni president), Del Magofna, Melvin Tenorio, Glenn Arriola, Roca Sablan (Vin Sablan), Matilde Bermudes, Frank Camacho, and Alvin Takai. Not in photo: Joe Torres

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# Business

## Signs of declining security

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four out of 5 U.S. adults struggle with joblessness, near-poverty or reliance on welfare for at least parts of their lives, a sign of deteriorating economic security and an elusive American dream.

Survey data exclusive to The Associated Press points to an increasingly globalized U.S. economy, the widening gap between rich and poor, and the loss of good-paying manufacturing jobs as reasons for the trend.

The findings come as President Barack Obama tries to renew his administration's emphasis on the economy, saying in recent speeches that his highest priority is to "rebuild ladders of opportunity" and reverse income inequality.

As nonwhites approach a numerical majority in the U.S., one question is how public programs to lift the disadvantaged should be best focused—on the affirmative action that historically has tried to eliminate the racial barriers seen as the major impediment to economic equality, or simply on improving socioeconomic status for all, regardless of race.

Hardship is particularly growing among whites, based on several measures. Pessimism among that racial group about their families' economic futures has climbed to the highest point since at least 1987. In the most recent AP-GfK poll, 63 percent of whites called the economy "poor."

"I think it's going to get worse," said Irene Salyers, 52, of Buchanan County, Va., a declining coal region in Appalachia. Married and divorced three times, Salyers now helps run a fruit and vegetable stand with her boyfriend but it doesn't generate much income. They live

mostly off government disability checks.

"If you do try to go apply for a job, they're not hiring people, and they're not paying that much to even go to work," she said. Children, she said, have "nothing better to do than to get on drugs."

While racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to live in poverty, race disparities in the poverty rate have narrowed substantially since the 1970s, census data show. Economic insecurity among whites also is more pervasive than is shown in the government's poverty data, engulfing more than 76 percent of white adults by the time they turn 60, according to a new economic gauge being published next year by the Oxford University Press.

The gauge defines "economic insecurity" as experiencing unemployment at some point in their working lives, or a year or more of reliance on government aid such as food stamps or income below 150 percent of the poverty line. Measured across all races, the risk of economic insecurity rises to 79 percent.

Marriage rates are in decline across all races, and the number of white mother-headed households living in poverty has risen to the level of black ones.

"It's time that America comes to understand that many of the nation's biggest disparities, from education and life expectancy to poverty, are increasingly due to economic class position," said William Julius Wilson, a Harvard professor who specializes in race and poverty. He noted that despite continuing economic difficulties, minorities have more optimism about the future after Obama's election, while struggling whites do not.

## Bosses often confer on internal job moves

**QUESTION: I recently applied for a position in another department without telling my boss. The job description sounded interesting, but lacked important details, including work hours. I figured, however, that I could ask those questions during the interview.**

**A few days later, I was shocked when my boss informed me that "Phyllis," the manager of the other department, had called to inquire about my work history. Shortly thereafter, Phyllis got in touch with me to discuss the position. When I learned that the hours would not fit my schedule, I withdrew my application.**

**Now I feel awkward around my boss, because she knows I applied for another job. Although there is no policy on this, I believe Phyllis was completely out of line to contact my manager before speaking with me. Do I have a right to be angry with her?**

**ANSWER:** Probably not. Telling your boss about an external job search is hardly ever a wise move, but internal job postings are an entirely different matter. In fact, many companies require that the manager be informed before an employee can interview in another department.

Even without such a policy, managers frequently pick up rumors about these applications through the grapevine. Because bosses can feel blindsided by surreptitious transfer attempts, employees generally fare better if they explain the situation up front.

In this case, Phyllis apparently conducted a rather standard internal background check before scheduling interviews, not realizing that your manager had been kept in the dark. Since she neither violated a policy nor intended to do you harm, your anger would seem to be misplaced.

To avoid such unfortunate misunderstandings in the future, your human resources department should clearly define confidentiality expectations during the job posting process. Both managers and employees need to understand when and how this information can be shared.

## YOUR OFFICE COACH

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**Q: A supervisor who reports to me spends a lot of time listening to one employee's personal problems. "Pete" really cares about his staff, which is a strength, but I think he's overdoing it with this woman. I don't want to sound unsympathetic, but they need to spend less time chatting and more time working. How should I coach Pete about this?**

**A:** First, you must be sure that Pete understands his role as a supervisor. While he should certainly demonstrate caring and concern, his primary goal is to produce expected results. If he starts becoming a buddy or a counselor to employees, then he has inappropriately crossed a boundary.

Pete also needs to recognize that attention is a powerful motivator. Whenever he participates in an extended gab session, he is tacitly encouraging the employee to come back for more, so he needs to start setting an appropriate time limit.

Like many polite people, Pete may feel trapped in these conversations because he doesn't know how to escape without seeming rude. He may therefore benefit from rehearsing verbal exit strategies. For example: "I'm sorry you're having problems, and I certainly hope things work out. However, I think it's time for both of us to get back to work."

# Nation



In this July 25, 2013 photo, Maura Duffy, 35, poses for a photo inside her apartment in Chicago. AP

## Unsealed birth records give adoptees peek at their past

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Maura Duffy spent a day in Chicago last September with her mother: A walk along Lake Michigan, shared meals, a boat tour highlighting Second City architecture.

But this was no typical mother-daughter outing. It was the first time the two women had ever met.

Since a handful of states, including Illinois, have unsealed birth certificates, thousands of adoptees have claimed them and learned about their beginnings. The 35-year-old Duffy, adopted at birth, is among 8,800 Illinois residents since 2010 to do so.

Not everyone who gets the document goes on a search. But for many, it's led to heart-rending reunions.

"I finally got to see and meet someone who looked exactly like me," said Duffy, a marketing professional. "It's a very kind of emotional, strange thing that you grow up your whole life and don't ever know anything about your background. And it's the first chapter of your life, that birth certificate."

Obtaining a birth certificate—something most people can do without much thought—often is a visceral, as much as legal, quest for an adoptee.

"The things that people take for granted are enormous, life-changing moments" for adoptees, said Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Chicago Democrat and adoptee who sponsored the Illinois law and still breaks down when discussing it.

Feigenholtz, who met her birth mother years ago, worked for more than a decade to open birth certificates in Illinois, which like nearly every other state had sealed such records from the 1940s through the 1980s. There are several reasons adoptees

want access to those records, including learning medical histories crucial to determining health risks. Many adoptees believe they have a right to such a personal, intimate record.

Illinois is one of 11 states to have open birth certificates and one of nine to have unsealed them since 1999, according to the American Adoption Congress. And because of its size, the Prairie State has seen more adoptees get those papers than most. Still, the 8,800 is only 2.5 percent of the 350,000 Illinois adoptees' records that were sealed beginning in 1946.

In Oregon, which opened its records in 2000, 11,500, or nearly 11 percent of the 108,000 records sealed after 1957, have been requested. Alabama didn't seal 300,000 records until 1991, reopened them just nine years later, and 5,800 adoptees have requested them. Rhode Island reopened 24,000 records in 2012 after 68 years, and 759 people have laid claim to their birth certificates.

Some adoptive children have reunited with birth families without open-records laws. Public intermediary services, private businesses and volunteers help reunite willing adoptees and birth mothers, although sometimes it involves hundreds of dollars and no guarantee of success.

Jenny Spinner, who grew up in an adoptive home in Decatur with her twin sister, found her mother before the law changed. But Spinner, a 43-year-old mother, English professor and researcher in Philadelphia whose intrepid inquiries have prompted preparation of a book about the experience, is frustrated by the lack of documentation of her personal story. She still wanted her birth certificate for the emotional connection it brought.

"The paper that I've been looking for just to see all our names together in one space has still eluded me, outside of this birth certificate," Spinner said. "It's the only thing where her name is stamped on a document that has my birthdate. That proves it."

States generally had open birth records until the mid-20th Century when unwed motherhood became more stigmatized, said Adam Pertman, executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, a not-for-profit, nonpartisan research and policy center.

Birth certificates often were stamped "illegitimate" and sealing them was thought to protect the baby, the adoptive family from intrusion and was even considered, in some circles, the cleanest break for a "maladjusted" mother to re-enter society and later marry.

Opponents contend birth mothers were promised privacy in perpetuity, which Donaldson Institute research has not been able to substantiate, and research shows both adopted children and the parents who gave them up want contact, Pertman said.

The trend is "toward greater honesty, greater openness," said Pertman, adding it's "way too slow."

In Pennsylvania, an adopted lawmaker has introduced legislation to open birth records there, and Illinois Rep. Ann Williams, an adoptee who was born in the Keystone state, traveled there to testify July 17 in favor of the bill. Williams, a Chicago Democrat whose district neighbors Feigenholtz's, told the committee the Illinois law brought "excitement, joy and fulfillment" to nearly 9,000 adoptees, but for her, it was "bittersweet, as I was not among them."



# Asia

## Manila to move air force, navy to Subic

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines plans to relocate major air force and navy camps to a former U.S. naval base northwest of Manila to gain faster access to waters being contested by China in the South China Sea, according to the country's defense chief and a confidential government report.

Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said Sunday that as soon as relocation funds are available the government plans to transfer air force and naval forces and their fleets of aircraft and warships to Subic Bay, which has become a busy free port since the 1992 departure of the U.S. Navy.

"It's for the protection of our West Philippine Sea," Gazmin said from South Korea, where he was on a visit, using the name adopted by the Philippine government for the disputed South China Sea.

"We're looking now for the funding," he said.

Subic Bay is a natural deep harbor that can accommodate two large warships acquired recently by the Philippines from the United States, a defense treaty ally, he said, especially compared to shallower harbor at the naval fleet base at Sangley Point in Cavite province, south of Manila.

The first U.S. Coast Guard cutter was relaunched as the Philippines' largest warship in 2011. President Benigno Aquino III will lead ceremonies on Aug. 6 to welcome the second ship at Subic, the Philippine navy said.

A confidential defense department document obtained by The Associated Press says Subic's location will cut reaction time by fighter aircraft to contested South China Sea areas by more than three minutes compared with flying from Clark airfield,



Protesters wear hand-shaped placards around their heads during a protest rally outside the Chinese Consulate at the financial district of Makati city, east of Manila, Philippines, Wednesday July 24, 2013.

also north of Manila, where some air force planes are based.

"It will provide the armed forces of the Philippines strategic location, direct and shorter access to support West Philippine Sea theater of operations," the document said.

The report said the cost of repairs and improvements for an air force base in Subic would be at least 5.1 billion pesos (\$119 million). It said that compares with an estimated 11 billion pesos (\$256 million) that it would cost to build a new air force base, because the vast Subic complex about 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Manila already has a world-class runway and aviation facilities.

Relocating about 250 air force officers and men to Subic, along with "increased rotational presence of foreign visiting forces" would bolster business and trade at the port, the military document said.

Subic's international airport has been underutilized since U.S. courier giant FedEx transferred its lucrative regional hub from Subic

to China in 2009, officials said.

The Philippines plans to grant visiting U.S. forces, ships and aircraft temporary access to more of its military camps to allow for a larger number of joint military exercises than are currently staged each year.

A larger U.S. presence could be used for disaster response and serve as a deterrent to what Philippine officials say have been recent aggressive intrusions by China into its territorial waters.

The Philippines has backed Washington's efforts to reassert its military presence in Asia as a counterweight to China's rise. While it has taken diplomatic steps to deal with China's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea, the Philippines has struggled to upgrade its military, one of Asia's weakest.

Philippine vessels backed off from the disputed Scarborough Shoal last year after weeks of a tense standoff with Chinese surveillance ship, a move that gave China effective control over the vast fishing ground off the country's northwest.

## Blast kills military bomb expert in PH

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A Philippine marine ordnance expert was killed and two others were wounded when one of several bombs they were trying to defuse around a house exploded on restive Jolo island in the country's south, a military commander said Sunday.

An ordnance team was deployed Saturday to a house of a village leader in the town of Panglima Estino on Jolo in Sulu province where residents reported finding more than 10 bombs made from ammonium nitrate around the residence. The marines had defused one bomb and were working on a second one, which suddenly exploded, marine Col. Jose Cenabre said.

The bombs may have been placed around the house like booby-traps due to a clan war involving the village leader, Cenabre said, adding that Abu Sayyaf extremists, who are ac-

tive in Sulu, apparently were not involved.

Due to the explosion, Cenabre said he withdrew the marines and deployed an air force ordnance team, which defused two more bombs on Sunday. The new team, however, kept finding more bombs in the vicinity of the house, which had been cleared of its occupants, prompting the military to seek help from police, he said.

Such violent clan conflicts, known as "rido," have long complicated security worries in the southern Philippines, which is already mired in decades-long Muslim rebellions.

The explosion was one of two deadly blasts in the south over the weekend. A homemade bomb went off in one of a row of upscale bars and restaurants in Cagayan de Oro city late Friday, killing six people and wounding more than 40 others,

police said.

Among the dead were a provincial government official and a doctor who was unwinding in the crowded nightclub near a shopping mall after attending a medical convention, said Interior Secretary Mar Roxas.

Investigators have not determined if that attack was staged by terrorist groups or was sparked by rivalries among politicians or other groups. Roxas, who flew to the site of the blast, said Sunday that he was dismayed to find out that the scene of the explosion was immediately cleaned the next day after investigators scoured the area overnight.

"There were some lapses here," Roxas said. "People did not only sweep the place. They scrubbed it."

"I don't know of any instance in the whole world where the blast site is released less than 12 hours after," he said.

# World

## Pope draws 3M to final Brazil Mass

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)**—Pope Francis' historic trip to his home continent ended Sunday after a marathon weeklong visit to Brazil that drew millions of people onto the sands of Rio de Janeiro's iconic Copacabana beach and appeared to reinvigorate the clergy and faithful alike in the world's largest Catholic country.

Dignitaries including Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer turned out at Rio's Antonio Carlos Jobim international airport to bid farewell to the Argentine-born pontiff after a visit marked by big moments. They included a visit to a vast church dedicated to Brazil's patron saint, a rainy walk through one of Rio's dangerous slums and a papal Mass that was one of the biggest in recent history.

Speaking from a white stage on the sands of Copacabana on Sunday, Francis urged a crowd estimated at 3 million people to go out and spread their faith "to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent."

"The church needs you,



Pope Francis blesses a child as he rides on the popemobile to celebrate mass in Rio de Janeiro Sunday July 28, 2013.

your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you!" he said to applause in his final homily of World Youth Day festivities.

Later Sunday, he issued a more pointed message to the region's bishops, telling them to better look out for their flocks and put an end to the "clerical" culture that places priests on pedestals—often with what Francis called the "sinful complicity" of lay Catholics who hold the clergy in such high esteem.

## Rescuers say 37 dead in Italy bus plunge

**ROME (AP)**—A tour bus filled with Italians returning home after an excursion plunged off a highway into a ravine in southern Italy on Sunday night after it had smashed into several cars that were slowed by heavy traffic, killing at least 37 people, said police and rescuers.

Flashing signs near Avellino, outside Naples, had warned of slowed traffic ahead along a stretch of the A116 autostrada, a major highway crossing southern Italy, before the crash occurred, said highway police and officials, speaking on state radio early Monday. They said the bus driver, for reasons not

yet determined, appeared to have lost control of his vehicle.

Hours after the crash, firefighters said that they had extracted 37 bodies—most of the dead were found inside the mangled bus, which lay on its side, while a few of the victims were pulled out from underneath the wreckage, state radio and the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The radio report said 11 people were hospitalized with injuries, two of them in very critical condition. It was not immediately known if there were other survivors or any missing.

Rescuers wielding electric saws cut through the twisted

metal to better probe the interior of the bus, stopping occasionally in silence to listen for any cries for help, even as the bodies were put into coffins to be taken to a morgue.

Reports said as many as 49 people had been aboard the bus when it ripped through a guardrail after slamming into several cars, then plunged some 30 meters (100 feet) off the highway and into a ravine near a wooded area. In its plunge, the bus tore away whole sections of concrete barriers as well as guardrail. The concrete lay in large chunks in a clearing in a wooded area where the bus landed.

## Police: \$53 million in jewels stolen in Cannes

**PARIS (AP)**—A staggering 40 million euro (\$53 million) worth of diamonds and other jewels was stolen Sunday from the Carlton Intercontinental Hotel in Cannes, in one of Europe's biggest jewelry heists in recent years, police said. One expert noted the crime follows recent jail escapes by members of the notorious "Pink Panther" jewel thief gang.

The hotel in the sweltering French Riviera was hosting a temporary jewelry exhibit over the summer from the prestigious Leviev diamond house, which is owned by Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev.

A police spokesman said the theft took place around noon, but he could not confirm lo-

cal media reports that the robber was a single gunman who stuffed a suitcase with the gems before making a swift exit. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter on the record.

The luxury Carlton hotel featured prominently in Alfred Hitchcock's "To Catch a Thief," which starred Cary Grant as a reformed burglar chasing a jewel thief. It is situated on the exclusive Promenade de la Croisette that stretches a mile and a half (2.4 kilometers) along the French Riviera, and is thronged by the rich and famous throughout the year. The hotel's position provides not only a beautiful view of the sea

but also an easy getaway for potential jewel thieves along the long stretch of road.

"It's a huge theft. Anytime you talk about a heist with many millions of dollars it turns heads and feeds the imagination," said Jonathan Sazonoff, U.S. editor for the Museum Security Network website and an authority on high-value crime.

He said the likelihood of recovering the stolen diamonds and jewels is slim, because the thieves can easily sell them. "The fear is, if you're dealing with high-quality minerals, it's hard to get them back," Sazonoff said. "They can be broken up and so they can be easily smuggled and sold."



# Overdrive

## Mazda 6 is sporty, fuel-efficient and a stunning turnaround

By **MARK PHELAN**  
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Sporty, fuel-efficient, great looking and a terrific value, the four-star Mazda 6i Grand Touring is a virtual lock to be around when automotive awards are announced at the end of this year.

The midsize sedan is a stunning turnaround for a company that recently seemed to have lost its way. It's the second vehicle to flow from an engineering program Mazda launched after its alliance with Ford ended in 2010.

Mazda had relied on Ford for hybrid technology. It needed a new approach to fuel economy it could fund without Dearborn's deep pockets. Mazda executives threw all their resources into new engines and transmissions and developed a new lightweight architecture for its vehicles.

Mazda stumbled out of the gate with the underpowered 2.0-liter 2013 CX-5 SUV, but the 2014 Mazda 6 is a triumph. It combines high fuel economy with sporty character that sets Mazda apart from its bigger Japanese rivals: Toyota, Nissan and Honda.

Prices for the 2014 Mazda 6 start at \$20,880 for a Sport model with a six-speed manual transmission. All Mazda 6s have a 184-horsepower 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine. A six-speed automatic gearbox raises the Sport's price to \$22,495, a fairly hefty increase versus other midsize sedans. Mazda adds standard equipment for the Touring—\$23,445 manual; \$24,495



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automatic. The extremely well-equipped Grand Touring starts at \$29,495 and is only available with the automatic.

I tested a Mazda 6i Grand Touring that bristled with features, including Bose audio, a navigation system, adaptive cruise control and smart city brakes that work automatically to prevent low-speed collisions.

It stickered at \$30,695, thousands of dollars less than comparably equipped midsize sedans. All prices exclude destination charges.

The Mazda 6's competition includes some of the best, and best-selling, cars on the market: Chevrolet Malibu, Chrysler 200, Dodge Avenger, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Optima, Nissan Altima, Toyota Camry and Volkswagen Passat.

Many of them offer an array of powertrains, including hybrids, high-performance turbos, all-wheel-drive and battery-powered electrics. Mazda concentrated on making a few excellent models that cover the heart of the midsize sedan market.

The 6's EPA fuel economy rating of 26 m.p.g. in the city, 38 on the highway and 30 combined beats nonhybrid versions of all the competition except the Altima, which scored a 31-m.p.g. combined rating.

Mazda has two higher-m.p.g. models in the wings. A regenerative braking system called i-ELOOP should score EPA ratings of 28 city, 40 highway and 32 m.p.g. combined. It will be part of an option package that adds \$2,080 to the price of a Grand Touring model.

A 2.2-liter diesel that should

boost highway fuel economy considerably is also coming. Mazda hasn't announced its price yet. Both systems should go on sale this year.

The base engine provides more horsepower and torque than most competitors. Combined with a light curb weight and excellent automatic transmission, they gave the car I tested good throttle response and plenty of zip for highway cruising and fast passes.

The adaptive cruise con-

### KEY NUTS & BOLTS

- **2014 Mazda 6i Grand Touring**
- **Front-wheel-drive five-passenger midsize sedan**
- **Base price: \$29,545**
- **Price as tested: \$30,695 (excluding destination charge)**
- **Rating: 4 (Out of four stars)**
- **Reasons to buy: Fuel economy; looks; features; interior materials; value.**
- **Shortcomings: Sensitivity of touch screen; iPod integration**
- **Competitive EPA fuel economy ratings**

trol operates smoothly, applying the brakes or accelerator as needed to maintain speed and distance from the next vehicle. I'm happy to say I didn't have the opportunity to test the collision-avoiding automatic brakes. The steering is responsive, with good on-center feel. The suspension keeps the car planted and stable in quick maneuvers. The 6 encourages enthusiastic driving.

The passenger compartment and trunk are both on the small end among midsize sedans. Efficient design makes them comfortable and useful.

The 6's interior has already won awards for its good looks

and high-end materials. But the interior suffers from small storage pockets in the doors, and below-average touch screen and iPod operation. The 5.8-inch touch screen is smaller and less sensitive than those in other leading midsize sedans, and even some compacts. The iPod integration for devices connected through the USB port was poor. The audio system took more than 90 seconds reading my iPod Classic every time I started the car.

The Bluetooth system for streaming audio and hands-free phone calls worked fine, however. The voice-recognition system understood commands well and operated reasonably quickly.

There won't be five better-looking cars that go on sale this year. The 6's flared fenders and sleek profile would be at home on a sports car. The new design theme, which Mazda calls "the soul of motion," also tones down the grille, ending the unfortunate clown's mouth look of previous Mazdas.

The 2014 Mazda 6's exceptional value, comfort, performance and fuel economy combine with those looks to create one of the best new cars of the year.

### UNDER THE HOOD

## Can gas go bad?

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
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**Question: Around Christmas I changed jobs. My Tundra, which had been driven between 150 and 350 miles a day for 250,000 miles has been driven no more than a thousand miles since. Which leads to the question; how long can petrol (gasoline) sit in the tank before it becomes stale, rotten, yucky or whatever happens when it goes bad? And what to do about it, or better, prevent it? Additionally, is there any reason to change from 25,000 mile oil changes?**

**I use AMSOIL SAE OW-30 Signature Series 100 percent Synthetic Motor Oil with the Amsoil EA oil filter, both rated for 25,000 mile-one year between changes.**

**Answer:** Gasoline does degrade when stored, due to

the effects of heat, light, air and water contamination. Our mandated E-10 and E-15 fuels, containing 10 percent to 15 percent ethanol, absorb water at a much higher rate than straight gasoline. Chevron says gas that's stored in an air-tight environment can last up to one year although there's lots of folks that claim three months is when things start to go sour. Vehicles built during the past two decades have very tight fuel systems in order to minimize hydrocarbon emissions, meaning what's in your Tundra's tank fails a lot better than the gas in the lawnmower or a red container. Gas that darkens in color or takes on a stale odor really isn't fit for use in modern vehicles.

I store several vehicles in Alaska nine months per year, under fairly harsh conditions, and treat their fuel with STA-BIL prior to departing. I've been a little surprised to have no fuel problems at all when I

return each summer. The Suburban pings a little on long grades almost the same on the old gas as it does with a fresh tank! It sounds like even with much less use, you're still refilling with fresh fuel perhaps every couple of months?

Your new driving schedule will likely be tougher on the Tundra's oil, especially if your drives are less than 10 miles in length or involve a lot of idling (Amsoil puts you into the "severe service" category here and reduces maximum miles to 15K- still one year). I'd have no problem with the one year interval and low miles, unless you detect signs of moisture condensation or sludge beneath the oil filler cap.

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### *In Celebration of Her New Life*

### †Dolores Matagolai Aldan Lizama

July 29, 1948 – July 24, 2013

*In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:*

**Parents:** †Jose Castro Aldan  
†Rita Matagolai Aldan

**Parents-in-law:** †Juan Naputi Lizama  
†Francisca DLG. Lizama

**Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:**

†Ignacio M. Aldan, †Alfred M. Aldan, & **Victoria A. Dela Cruz**  
†Alfred E. Hockett, †Maximo C. DLGuerrero, †Jose O. Dela Cruz, †Joaquin T. Villagomez, †Jose SN. Lizama, †Pedro SN. Lizama, †Antonio SN. Lizama, †Lydia L. Pangelinan & †Maria A. Lizama.

*Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:*

**Husband:** Manuel SN. Lizama

**Children:** Jose A. Lizama & Evelyn C. Sablan and children  
**Dina L.** & Edwin T. Cabrera and children  
**Althea A.** Lizama & Isidro A. Pangelinan and children  
**Arlene A.** Lizama & George S. Ada and children  
**Manny A. Jr.** & Julie N. Lizama and children

**Reared Children:** Christopher & Frances P. Leon Guerrero, Vanessa B. Aldan/Oliver and children.

**Brothers, Sisters In-Laws:** Vicente M. Aldan/Lita & children, Remedio A. Villagomez & children, Merced A. Hockett & children, Juan M. Aldan/Meling & children, Maria A. DLGuerrero & children & Ramon M. Aldan/Frances & children.

Juan O. Pangelinan/Aida & children, Maria L. Terlaje/Vicente & children, Rosa L. Jesus & children, Juan SN. Lizama/Florentina & children, Jesus SN. Lizama/Trinidad & children, Magdalena L. Ubedei/Danny & children, Anna L. Santos/Joseph & children & Remedio L. Babauta/Joseph & children.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 06:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 01, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to St. Jude Church. Responso Services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

**Manuel SN. Lizama, Children & Family**





# Life & Style

## 'The Voice' mentors aren't looking to find a star

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—The mentors on “The Voice” may be superstars, but the consensus is it’s not on them that the singing competition show has failed to find big stars such as themselves.

Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera, CeeLo Green and the show’s host and producer Carson Daly addressed journalists at the Television Critics Association summer press tour. Blake Shelton did not attend because he’s on tour.

During Saturday’s panel Levine said finding a star “would be really nice” but it’s not the goal.

“A lot of things have to happen in order for that to take place,” he said. “I think the goal

of the show is to do what we can do for these amazing singers while they’re on the show...I think that we all know that the lightning in a bottle you have to capture in order to be successful in this business is extraordinarily difficult. I’m not sure that that is the overall mission statement of the show.”

“American Idol” producers and judges weren’t shy about wanting to crank out insta-stars like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood. Its 11th season winner Phillip Phillips has had huge radio success with songs like “Home” and “Gone, Gone, Gone.” Even some finalists who haven’t made a real mark in the music world like Kellie Pickler and Katharine McPhee

still have name recognition and have found success in other areas. (Pickler, who is a country singer, won the most recent season of “Dancing with the Stars.” McPhee had a starring role on NBC’s “Smash.”)

It should be noted “American Idol” has had its flops as well. Ninth season winner Lee DeWyze’s album “Live it Up” was a major disappointment. He sold just 151,000 copies. By contrast, Javier Colon, who won season one of “The Voice,” sold 46,000 copies of his first post-“Voice” album called “Come Through for You” as of last month.

Aguilera says it’s unrealistic to expect someone to turn into an overnight sensation and cites her own career as an example.

“It’s not like everything needs to be like boom, boom, boom, then record deal, then No. 1 success. It doesn’t happen like that. It didn’t happen that way for me either. Like, for instance...my experience with ‘The Mickey Mouse Club’, the alumni from that show, you know, you have huge names Britney (Spears), Justin (Timberlake), Ryan Gosling, you know, all these names

come from that show. But, you know, right after the show, did we rocket to success right after it? No. It takes time.”

Of season four winner, Danielle Bradbery, “The Voice” host and producer Carson Daly argued that she has time on her side.

“She has eight years to figure it out, her voice, an album, whatever it might be. And in eight years she’ll be the same

age as Taylor Swift is right now. She’s got time,” he said.

Bradbery’s new single “The Heart of Dixie” debuted at No. 58 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 16 on the country charts.

When asked about the show’s ratings decline when its star judges are featured less, the panel seemed a bit irked.

“Isn’t the show like huge, though?” asked Levine.

## Garfield back on screen, and Comic-Con, as Spidey

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—For his last Comic-Con appearance, nearly a year before the release of 2012’s “The Amazing Spider-Man,” Andrew Garfield wore a store-bought Spider-Man suit and gave a heartfelt speech about what the character means to him.

Thousands of fans who’d known Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker instantly had reason to embrace the new star.

But Garfield was just as nervous before appearing inside the San Diego Convention Center’s largest hall recently to promote “The Amazing Spider-Man 2,” which is set for release next year.

The 29-year-old actor again attended the presentation in his Spidey suit—this time a screen-worthy version—before appearing as himself to answer fan questions. He spoke with The Associated Press about Comic-Con, his hopes for the second film and why he’s afraid of famous people.

**AP: What’s it like to be back at Comic-Con after your first experience?**

**Garfield:** I had so much fun, and I think about it often. It was a real highlight. It was like part extreme sport—it felt like sky-diving, the amount of adrenaline that I had. I was like shaking and breathing incredibly hard. But being able to say—we all want moments like that in our lives where we go (exhales), ‘This is who I am. Hello! This is genuinely who I am.’ And they’re rare. They do take courage, but they don’t have to, and it’s weird because that’s what Spider-Man has helped to give

me through my growing up, is courage to move forward even with the fear. So to come back here is really nice, nerve-racking, overwhelming. Nothing’s really changed.

**AP: Your recent remarks that Spider-Man could be gay generated a lot of response. Were you surprised?**

**Garfield:** I don’t know about the response. All I know is it’s an interesting question, more philosophically than anything. Obviously making this version of Peter Parker suddenly bisexual or gay wouldn’t really make logical or dramatic sense. It was a hypothetical kind of question about the nature of these comic book characters and the nature of this particular character, and whether sexuality, race, any of those things makes any difference to the character of Peter Parker. ... What Stan Lee created is an Everyman for every man. Especially the underdog. And especially for those marginalized, for those ostracized. And who is more ostracized as young teenagers than gay young teenagers? So it was more a philosophical question about that. And I long for the day where a comment like that wouldn’t make anyone batter an eyelid.

**AP: How do you like working with Jamie Foxx, who is playing the villain Electro?**

**Garfield:** Famous people scare me. I get really nervous around famous people. ... I overcompensate (with) how unimpressed I am, which is completely and utter rubbish. So I’m a fan. But of course, with

someone like Jamie who’s not only this presence, but such an incredible talent, multitasking, who I’ve been a fan of for ages, is just a great man, a great person, and a gentle, kind, good soul and good spirit, and then suddenly it’s like, let’s shoot some hoops, have a chat, meet his daughter. It’s that weird myth of fame, of actors and musicians or whatever being any different from anyone else. It’s that weird thing that I still (get) excited: Oh they’re on a pedestal, they’re better, they’re better, they’re just better. It’s just not the truth. I love busting that myth any chance I get.

**AP: How do you like working with Emma Stone, and is there a danger of taking work home?**

**Garfield:** Well, you’re assuming something there, which I will not be commenting about.

**AP: So how do you like working with Emma Stone?**

**Garfield:** I love it. She’s a great gal, and, as we all know, a singular talent, like a completely unique, singular talent. She just was born like a pure-bred, in terms of you just say ‘go’ and she goes. It’s infuriating because I can’t keep up with it. So it’s beautiful to work with such an incredibly talented and wonderful person.

**AP: Where does Spidey go from here?**

**Garfield:** We’ve got such a multidimensional story with multidimensional characters and a real cohesion. It’s big, it’s small. I’ve just got such a good feeling about it. I’m really hoping it lives up to my expectations.

## Bynes’ parents ‘deeply concerned’ for actress

**OXNARD, California** (AP)—Amanda Bynes’ parents are deeply concerned that their daughter may hurt herself or others unless they are allowed to assume control over her medical care and finances, court filings show.

The petition Richard and Lynn Bynes filed Friday not only detail her public incidents of disturbing behavior, including several arrests, but also reveal that the former child star has stated fears that she is be-

ing watched by smoke detectors and devices in the dashboard of her car.

Ventura County Superior Court Judge Glen M. Reiser delayed ruling on the conservatorship petition, stating that there was no rush to act because the actress is under a two-week psychiatric hold at a hospital.

Reiser scheduled a hearing on the issue Aug. 9 and said he also wants to meet one-on-one with Bynes before making a decision.

“We are deeply concerned that Amanda poses a substantial risk to herself, to others, and to property based on recent events in her life,” the filing from Bynes’ parents states. It cites numerous instances of increasingly bizarre behavior by their 27-year-old daughter in the past year.

Bynes was put under the psychiatric hold Monday after authorities said she set a fire on the driveway of a home in the Los Angeles suburb of Thousand Oaks, where she grew up.



This image released by NBC shows, from left, Carson Daly, Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera, and CeeLo Green at a cocktail reception for “The Voice” in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Saturday, July 27, 2013.

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†**Roberto N. Galang**

October 16, 1963 – July 24, 2013

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**Mother in Law:** Ramona Taisacan Cabrera Lizama  
**Father in Law:** Francisco DLG. Bermudes  
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**Step Children:** Yvonne & Paul Van Allen and Children, Lori C. Duenas, Anthony C. Duenas and Children, Andrew C. Duenas and Children, Alexander C. Duenas  
**Mother:** Delia N. Galang  
**Brothers and Sisters:** Rodel & Teresita Galang and Children, Roxanna Gadaiaa and Children, Rogelio Galang Jr.  
**Brothers and Sisters In-Law:** Dolores Boutin, Fermina Cabrera, Jose C. Cabrera, Juan & Fe Cabrera and Children

*He will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Godchildren and Friends.*

*Nightly Mass of Intention is celebrated at 06:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church followed by the Holy Rosary.*

*Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 01, 2013. Responso and Holy Rosary will be offered at 7:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the CHC Chapel and will immediately follow by Interment Service at the Tanapag Public Cemetery.*

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# Miley Cyrus returns to TV with docu special

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—MTV will become Miley Television this fall.

The 20-year-old actress-singer is getting a one-hour documentary—not yet titled—on the music network. The announcement was made Friday by MTV Programming President Susanne Daniels at the annual Television Critics Association summer press tour in

Beverly Hills, Calif.

Cameras will follow Cyrus as she works on her new album, which is due out later this year.

Her current single, “We Can’t Stop,” is No. 2 on Billboard’s Hot 100 chart.

Cyrus was the star of Disney’s “Hannah Montana” for four seasons. The series’ finale aired in January 2011.

## Newly retired Apolo Ohno to work in TV at Olympics

**BEVERLY HILLS, California** (AP)—Apolo Anton Ohno is hanging up his skates to join NBC’s coverage of the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

The most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian in history will work as an analyst on speedskating, in addition to doing features and studio commentary during the network’s coverage in February.

Ohno recently retired without fanfare, although he hadn’t com-

## Irons jokes about father’s response to nude scenes



This June 3, 2013 photo shows Max Irons from the Starz original series “The White Queen,” posing for a portrait in New York.

**BEVERLY HILLS, California** (AP)—Like father, like son?

Max Irons, the star of the upcoming Starz series “The White Queen,” jokes about his father Jeremy Irons’ potential reaction to his nudity in the new show.

“Thankfully he hasn’t seen it yet, but if he did I’d refer him to

## Remington painting draws \$5.6M at Nevada auction

**RENO, Nevada** (AP)—A Frederic Remington painting depicting U.S. Cavalry soldiers has fetched \$5.6 million, and a Norman Rockwell painting featuring a Boy Scout and two American presidents has drawn \$4.2 million at auction in Reno, organizers said Sunday.

Mike Overby of the annual Coeur d’Alene Art Auction said Remington’s “Cutting Out Pony Herds” and Rockwell’s “A Scout is Loyal” were sold to private collectors on Saturday.

Remington’s painting features a soldier charging across the plains on horseback with the rest of the Cavalry and a herd of rider-less horses following behind. The painting was done in 1908, a year before he died.

“It has everything you want in Remington—lots of action,” Overby told The Associated Press. “It was the first major work of his to come to auction in 10 years.”

Rockwell’s 1940 painting has a patriotic theme with George Washington and Abraham Lin-

peted since the 2010 Vancouver Games. He won eight medals in three Olympics.

He first worked for NBC at last year’s Summer Olympics in London. In June, he started hosting a new version of “Minute to Win It” on the Game Show Network.

Ohno says he may also contribute to NBC’s coverage of Alpine skiing and snowboarding in Sochi, Russia.

his back catalog,” the 27-year-old English actor said to laughs Friday at the Television Critics Association summer press tour.

Max Irons stars as Edward IV during England’s War of the Roses in “The White Queen,” which premieres Aug. 10. His 64-year-old father has had explicit sex scenes in 1988’s “Dead Ringers,” 1992’s “Damage” and most recently in the Showtime series “The Borgias.”

Max Irons spoke about the upcoming 10-episode series live via satellite from England alongside co-star Janet McTeer. Rebecca Ferguson, who plays commoner-turned-Queen Elizabeth Woodville, appeared in person at the event. McTeer portrays her mother in “The White Queen.”

The series, only airing for one season, is adapted from the best-selling books about the Cousins’ War by Philippa Gregory.

coln standing behind a Boy Scout. Rockwell was known for his work for the Boy Scouts of America, producing covers for its magazine and calendars.

One of the biggest surprises of the auction was the \$1.7 million that Howard Terpning’s 1989 painting “Telling of Legends” fetched, according to organizers. The painting by the Tucson, Arizona, artist features two American Indians sitting on a bluff overlooking the prairie.

“That’s a whopper for a living Western artist,” Overby said, adding it was expected to sell for between \$600,000 and \$900,000.

Charles M. Russell’s 1900 painting “Buffalo Hunt #27” went for \$1 million and Thomas Moran’s 1895 painting “The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone” sold for \$555,750.

Some 600 registered bidders took part in what’s billed as the world’s largest Western art sale. About 300 works were sold for a total of \$28.5 million, up from \$18 million last year.



This June 29, 2013 file photo shows Miley Cyrus hosting the iHeartRadio Ultimate Pool Party at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami.

## ‘The Wolverine’ claws way to top of box office

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—“The Wolverine” slashed monsters and minions to debut atop the weekend box office.

The Fox film featuring Hugh Jackman’s sixth turn as the claw-wielding superhero opened with \$55 million in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Last weekend’s top movie, Warner Bros.’ low-budget horror “The Conjuring,” slipped to second place, adding another \$22.1 million to its take.

“Despicable Me 2” was in third with \$16 million. The Uni-

mated snail-racing tale “Turbo,” was in fourth place with \$13.3 million. Adam Sandler’s “Grown Ups 2” followed with \$11.5 million.

Woody Allen’s latest, “Blue Jasmine,” enjoyed a stellar opening of its own, though on a much smaller scale. Starring Cate Blanchett, the film opened in just six theaters but still collected \$612,767.

“It’s one of the biggest opening per-theater averages ever for a non-animated film,” said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

1. **“The Wolverine,”** \$55 million (\$86.1 million international).
2. **“The Conjuring,”** \$22.1 million (\$6.9 million international).
3. **“Despicable Me 2,”** \$16 million (\$24.5 million international).
4. **“Turbo,”** \$13.3 million (\$12.5 million international).
5. **“Grown Ups 2,”** \$11.5 million (\$4.2 million international).
6. **“Red 2,”** \$9.4 million (\$6.1 million international).
7. **“Pacific Rim,”** \$7.5 million (\$14.25 million international).
8. **“The Heat,”** \$6.85 million (\$3.1 million international).
9. **“R.I.P.D.,”** \$5.85 million (\$3.1 million international).
10. **“Fruitvale Station,”** \$4.65 million.

versal animated sequel, with its cast of cute, yellow minions, has made more than \$600 million worldwide since it came out four weeks ago.

“The Wolverine,” which is set in Japan and features an international cast, earned another \$86.1 million overseas. The film’s opening-week take surpassed the \$120 million it cost to make, said Chris Aronson, Fox’s head of domestic distribution.

“It’s a huge opening for the clawed one,” he said. “It played equally well from Maine to Maui.”

Another Fox film, the ani-

Ticket sales this weekend were up almost 30 percent over the same weekend last summer, he said.

“It was a good weekend to be a moviegoer because the choices just got a lot more interesting,” Dergarabedian said, noting a mix that includes animated, independent and big-budget action offerings.

“Fruitvale Station,” the Sundance winner already generating Oscar buzz, expanded to theaters across the country and edged its way into the top 10, contributing to a summer box office that is up more than 10 percent over last year.

## Store countertops are no place for dirty toddlers

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** I work in the print center of an office supply store. Often when parents of small children come in to get copies made, they’ll sit their babies/toddlers on the counter while we discuss their needs. Sometimes these children have dirty diapers.

While I am not a parent, I do understand that small children have a tendency to run off or otherwise misbehave if they are left standing. But sitting children on the counter strikes me as unsanitary and unsafe.

Would it be appropriate to ask these parents to remove their children from the counter? Because my workplace is geared toward satisfying the customer, I worry about offending a customer and displeasing management. I haven’t said anything so far, but this is really getting to me.

DISGUSTED IN OHIO

**DEAR DISGUSTED:** After reading your letter, I confess that my first impulse was to gag. The idea of a child in a soiled diaper sitting on a counter in a place of business is, indeed, disgusting. You would be doing your employer a favor to suggest that if a child should fall off the counter, there could be liability involved.

Tell the customer that for the child’s safety to please remove him/her from the counter. And if the child has a dirty diaper, make sure you have a large supply of sanitary wipes on hand so staff and customers will be protected from the bacteria.

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**DEAR ABBY:** After years of enduring overdraft charges and dodging bill collectors, I have finally gotten my financial house in order. I pay all of my bills, and I pay them on time. However, I have very little money left over at the end of the week.

Many of my friends have two-income households or use credit cards when they go out to eat or to the movies, which is often. I want them to know that because I decline their invitations does not mean I’m anti-social—I just can’t afford it. I have said so at times, but I hate to be a broken record.

Friends: PLEASE know that I appreciate being invited, but don’t be offended when I am unable to join you.

ON TRACK BUT STILL BROKE IN MAINE

**DEAR ON TRACK:** I congratulate you for straightening out your finances. It’s not always easy to do, and breaking ingrained habits can be a challenge.

The next step in your “recovery” is to KEEP reminding your free-spending friends that while you’d like to join them, you are not always able to do so. If you repeat it often enough, eventually they will get the message. It would be better if they hear it directly from you rather than read it in my column.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My neighbors borrow my lawnmower every summer to mow their lawns. It broke down, and I had to purchase a new one.

The dealer told me not to loan it to anyone because they pushed the old one over sticks and stones and destroyed the blades. How do I tell them to buy their own mowers? My new one is expensive.

AGAINST MOWER-MOOCHERS

**DEAR A.M.-M.:** Here’s how: Keep uppermost in your mind that it is perfectly all right to advocate for yourself. Then tell your mower-mooching neighbors that after what happened to the last one, you are no longer loaning your mower to anyone.

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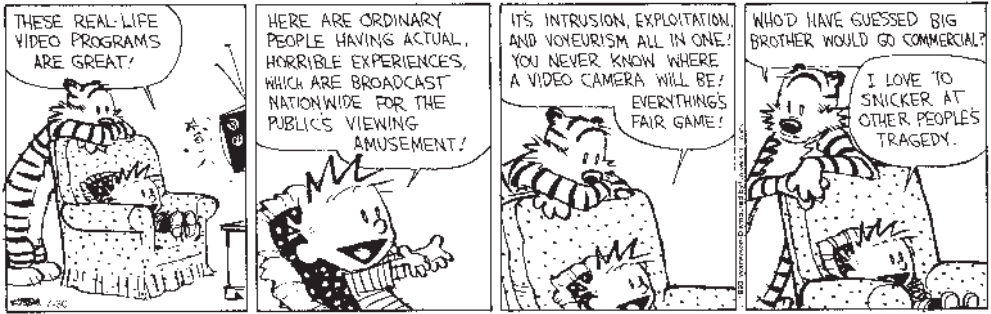
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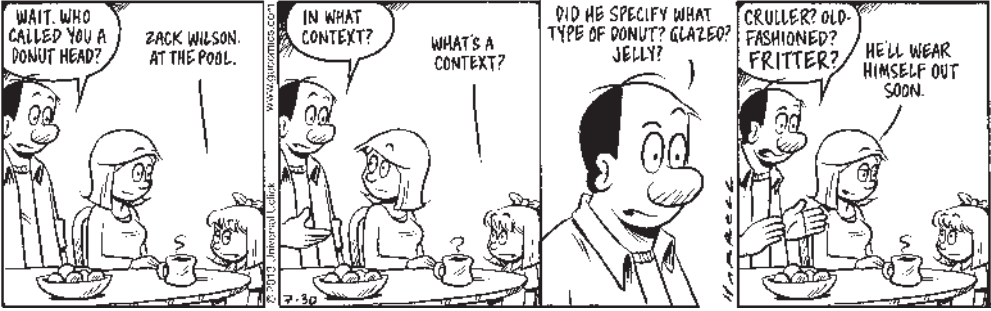
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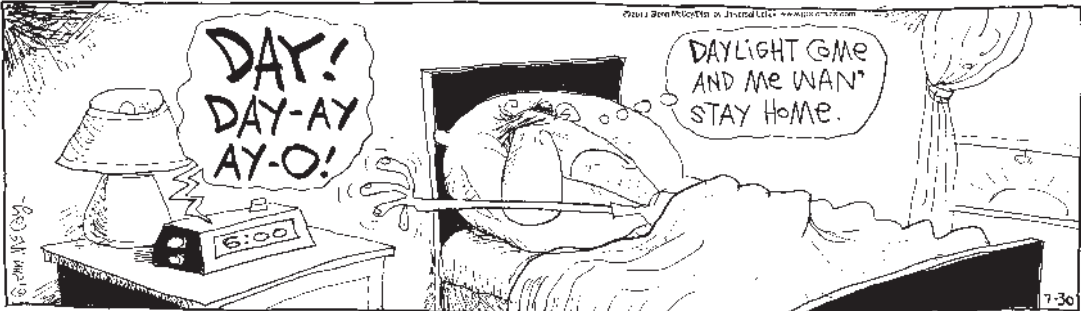
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Hope Solo, 32; Hilary Swank, 39; Laurence Fishburne, 52; Arnold Schwarzenegger, 66.

Happy Birthday: Try not to let emotional matters slow you down or confuse you this year. Follow your intuition and focus more on adapting to fit the current economical climate. A change in surroundings looks encouraging. Consider taking something you enjoy doing and finding a way to turn it into more than just a hobby, allowing you to bring in more cash. Your numbers are 7, 12, 15, 24, 29, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listening attentively will make the difference in the way a situation at home or at work unfolds. Focus on the practical and question what appears to be too far-fetched. Offering reasonable suggestions will set the tone for what's to come. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make the changes that best suit your current situation without facing interference. Opening up about your plans and including someone you think is special will help you develop a much closer relationship. Opportunity knocks. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check out every angle of a proposition you are considering before you make a decision. There is something that has the potential to go wrong due to a misunderstanding. Don't let a romantic or emotional matter cause you to veer in the wrong direction. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid anyone trying to make abrupt changes that will affect your life or your future.

Stick to what you know, and do the best job possible. Show your sincerity and dedication, and you will temper any negativity that comes your way. \*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be faced with added responsibility. What you do to help others will enable you to reach your goals or destination. An investment in your home or to broaden your skills will be successful. \*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have what it takes to lead the way. Express your ideas and offer solutions, and you will make a difference and raise your profile. Love is in the stars, and expressing the way you feel about someone will pay off. \*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look out for your own interests. Taking care of personal, business and financial dilemmas should be your priority. Don't let anyone talk you into giving when you should be on the receiving end of the stick. Call in favors. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your thoughts and interests. Touching base with people who are heading in a similar direction will inspire you to follow through on your plans. Love is on the rise, and planning a special evening will enhance your life. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make personal changes or alter your home to better suit your upcoming needs. Learn from the past experience you have gained with friends, relatives or peers. Putting more effort and cash into your ventures and projects will bring the highest rewards. \*\*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't alter the way you do things. Size up your situation and consider how to handle people who show unpredictability. As long as you protect your interests and those you love, you can actually prosper from someone else's shortcomings. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to your principles and don't deviate from what's best for you. Watch out for anyone using emotional tactics to persuade you to head in a questionable direction. Deception within partnerships is apparent and must be dealt with diplomatically. \*\*

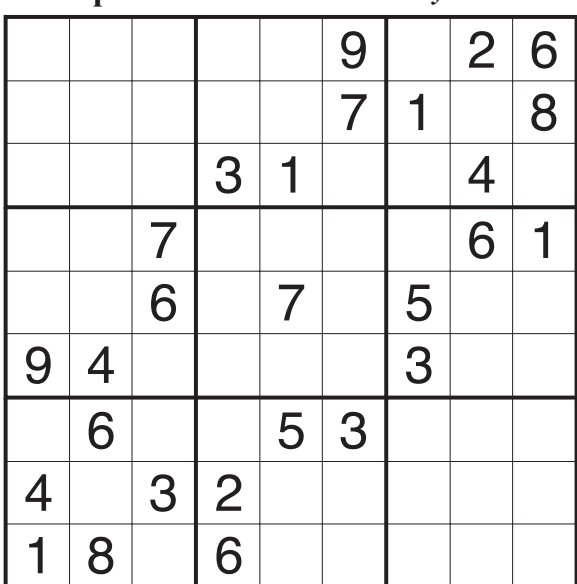
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a closer look at old ideas. Revamping and resurrecting what you have done in the past will lead to new interests and opportunities. Share your thoughts, draw up contracts, and plan to move forward. Love is highlighted. \*\*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You are determined, goal-oriented and direct. You adapt and move forward.

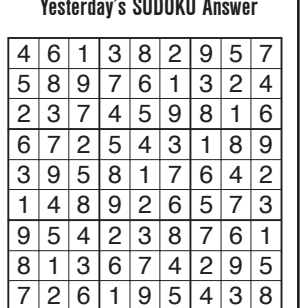
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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Brandt Snedeker wins Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP)—Zoe Olivia Mahan can expect something special from Brandt Snedeker.

Snedeker won the Canadian Open on Sunday, a day after Hunter Mahan withdrew with the lead before the third round when his wife went into labor. Kandi Mahan gave birth to daughter Zoe Olivia early Sunday in Texas.

“Zoe will be getting a very nice baby gift from me,” Snedeker said. “I can’t thank Kandi enough for going into labor early. I don’t know if I’d be sitting here if she hadn’t. But that is a



way more important thing than a golf tournament. I missed a golf tournament when my first was born, and it was the best decision I ever made. I’m sure Hunter would say the same thing.”

Snedeker closed with 2-under 70 for a three-stroke victory.

“Just ecstatic right now,” Snedeker said. “This is a tournament I said early on in my career I wanted to win just because my caddie (Scott Vail) is actually from Canada and it’s his national open. It meant a lot to him, meant a lot to me. Third-oldest tournament on tour and it’s got some great history to it, and now to put my name on that trophy it means a lot.”

Snedeker finished at 16-under 272. The six-time PGA Tour winner also won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February.



Brandt Snedeker, right, of the United States, celebrates after winning the Canadian Open golf tournament at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ontario, Sunday, July 28, 2013.

“It feels great to get a win,” Snedeker said. “To validate all the hard work I’ve put in over the past three months where I haven’t played my best and know that I’m working on the right stuff and able to hold up under some pretty serious pressure this afternoon. To win a tournament like this with those pivotal holes coming down the stretch means a lot.”

Snedeker had two birdies and a bogey on the front nine. He birdied the par-4 10th to move to 16 under, but gave the shot back on the par-3 12th. He birdied the par-5 16th and parred the final two holes.

“I hung in there really well and made the key putts I needed to and I was able to survive,” Snedeker said.

“That’s what today is all about.”

Dustin Johnson, William McGirt, Matt Kuchar and Jason Bohn tied for second.

Johnson was tied for the lead after a birdie on No. 16, then drove out of bounds and hit the lip of a fairway bunker en route to a triple-bogey 7 on the par-4 17th. He finished with a 70.

“I was playing really well,” Johnson said. “Really confident, swinging the driver really good. So you know, it’s a driver hole for me, and I just blocked it a little bit. Made a poor swing. ... Not too happy, but I felt really good with my golf game. ... It’s nothing, nothing to worry about. I’ll go get them next weekend.”

McGirt had a 68, and Kuchar and Bohn shot 71.

David Hearn was the top Canadian, shooting a 73 to tie for 44th at 4 under.

“It wasn’t the finish that I was really looking for. I had a nice chance today,” said Hearn, a playoff loser in the John Deere Classic. “I’ll take away some positives from the week. I appreciate the support from everyone here this week and it always feels good to play at home.”

Mike Weir tied for 49th at 3 under after a 72.

“I’m playing fine. Just missing too many short putts,” Weir said. “I missed a number the last couple days inside 6, 7 feet, just missing way too many of those. You need those to keep your round going sometimes and I just didn’t capitalize when I had opportunities.”

Pat Fletcher, born in England, was the last Canadian winner, taking the 1954 event at Point Grey in Vancouver. Carl Keffer is the only Canadian-born champion, winning in 1909 and 1914. Albert Murray, a Canadian also born in England, won in 1908 and 1913.

The 2014 tournament will be played at Royal Montreal.

## Lakers’ Steve Nash to try out for Inter Milan

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



Steve Nash believes Kobe Bryant is ahead of schedule in his recovery from Achilles’ surgery, is hopeful that the Los Angeles Lakers will finally find the chemistry they lacked a year ago and is finding himself fueled by the memories of an injury-filled season.

On Tuesday, however, basketball won’t be his sport of choice.

The two-time NBA MVP gets to become a soccer player again—if only briefly.

The Lakers guard who grew up playing soccer and still has deep ties within the sport will have a tryout of sorts with Inter Milan, before the storied team opens play in the Guinness International Champions Cup tournament that’s coming to the U.S. next week. The tournament features eight club teams from around the world, with a winner to be crowned in Miami Gardens, Fla. on Aug. 7.

“It’s a dream come true to get a chance to try out, not just to try out but to take the field with Inter Milan, one of the great, storied franchises in professional sports,” Nash said in an interview with The Associated Press. “I feel like a little kid.”

Tournament officials said the tryout will take place in New Jersey, two days before Inter Milan opens its portion of the Guinness event in Indianapolis against Chelsea. And Nash expects to be feeling a fairly ramped-up level of nervousness when he laces up his



In this Sept. 19, 2009, file photo, NBA basketball player Steve Nash controls the ball during a warmup as he hosts his “Showdown in Downtown” charity soccer match in Vancouver, British Columbia.

cleats for that training session.

“It’s going to be a lot higher than it is playing basketball, for sure,” Nash

said. “I still get nervous for basketball games from time to time. When I get out on the court, I don’t get nervous,

but before. To go out there with guys that I look up to and watch play, it’s definitely going to raise the nerves. I’ll be really nervous and really excited.”

The tournament begins Saturday when AC Milan visits Valencia. Juventus and Everton meet Wednesday in another first-round game, with the other opening matchups being the Inter-Chelsea game and Real Madrid taking on the L.A. Galaxy on Thursday.

The European clubs are primarily using the event as preseason training and the matches will allow for many more substitutions than normal, as is common with exhibition matches.

“Guinness has kind of taken it to another level by making a tournament out of it,” Nash said. “There’s stakes involved. For Guinness to bring seven of the world’s biggest clubs over and play with the Galaxy, that’s phenomenal exposure for the game and it’ll help grow the game in North America.”

Nash played soccer and hockey as a child before starting his basketball career as an eighth-grader, primarily because most of his friends at the time were spending more time taking corner jumpers than corner kicks. His father, John, played professional soccer in South Africa and England, and Nash remains an avid soccer fan and is part of the ownership group for the Vancouver Whitecaps of Major League Soccer.

As far as his “real job” goes, Nash said he’s encouraged for the coming NBA season. He’s working his way back to being 100 percent physically. His first season with the Lakers was an injury-filled one, where he was limited to 50 games because of a broken left leg and a strained right hamstring.

“I’ve had a really good summer of training and rehabilitating,” Nash said. “I’m not 100 percent, but I’m pretty close. Good enough to go out there Tuesday. I’m thrilled I’ve had this time to build myself back up, and I believe I’ll have a great year.”

Last season was a struggle for the Lakers, and the offseason hasn’t exactly been tranquil, either. Dwight Howard left Los Angeles for Houston, Bryant has been working his way through rehabilitation for his Achilles’, and the Lakers added new pieces like Chris Kaman, Nick Young and Wesley Johnson.

“We’re all just excited for another opportunity,” Nash said. “We’ve got some terrific players coming off of difficult seasons. I know Pau Gasol after his injuries, Kobe’s coming off a difficult injury, I was injured for the better part of the season. The three of us are eager to get back out there and there’s other guys, Jordan Hill, Steve Blake, who missed a lot of time last year.

“We’re excited to see what we can make of ourselves. We really are going to try for the second consecutive year to find chemistry and identity, but we’re excited for it, so we’ll see.”

Nash said he isn’t letting go of the bad memories from last season, using them instead as motivation for the coming year.

And when the new season starts, he said he wouldn’t be at all surprised to see Bryant—who tore his Achilles’ tendon in April—not just ready, but raring to go.

“I don’t think he’d have it any other way,” Nash said. “I know he’s very focused and determined and he plans to come back as strong as ever, probably in record time.”



# Derek Jeter HRs on 1st pitch in return to Yankees



## NEW YORK

(AP)—Derek Jeter homered on the first pitch he faced to give the Yankees a jolt in his return from the disabled list while Alfonso Soriano made the captain a winner with a game-ending single that lifted New York over the Tampa Bay Rays 6-5 Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Playing with Jeter for the first time since being re-acquired by New York from the Cubs on Friday, Soriano homered among his first four hits with the Yankees and drove in three runs.

Jeter was activated from the DL for the second time this month and connected against Matt Moore, sending a drive to right-center that ended the Yankees' nine-game homerless drought. He went 2 for 4 and scored twice.

Brett Gardner drew a leadoff walk from Jake McGee (2-3) in the ninth. McGee then switched belts on his uniform before facing Jeter, threw a wild pitch and received a visit from manager Joe Maddon.

The decision: walk Jeter intentionally.

After Robinson Cano struck out, Soriano hit a liner to center field for the win. He was mobbed by his teammates and doused with a liquid during a post-game interview.

Mariano Rivera (2-2), the Yankees' fourth reliever, got three groundball outs in the ninth.

## Red Sox 5, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Jon Lester allowed four hits over seven innings, David Ortiz went 4 for 4 with his 20th home run as Boston earned its first series win over Baltimore in two years.

Mike Napoli had two doubles and an RBI for the Red Sox, who took two of three in the duel between AL East foes. Boston had lost six straight series to Baltimore since a four-game sweep in July 2011.

All four hits against Lester (10-6) were singles. He struck out eight, walked two and did not allow a runner past second base. The right-hander improved his lifetime record against the Orioles to 15-2, although he lost his previous two decisions against them.

On Saturday night, Ortiz shattered the casing of two dugout phones after being ejected from the game. On Sunday, he put his bat to better use.

## Indians 6, Rangers 0

In Cleveland, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched eight scoreless innings as Cleveland shut out Texas for the second straight game.

Jason Kipnis' two-out single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie. Yan Gomes' RBI single and Michael Bourn's two-run double added three runs in the sixth as the Indians, who have won four straight, completed their first three-game sweep at home over Texas since Aug. 12-14, 1980.

Jimenez (8-5) allowed two hits and matched his longest outing of the season. Vinnie Pestano pitched the ninth as the Indians recorded their major league-leading 14th shutout.

The Rangers are 2-8 since the All-Star break.

## Blue Jays 2, Astros 1

In Toronto, Colby Rasmus drove in Emilio Bonifacio with a game-winning single in the ninth inning to carry Toronto past Houston.

Rajai Davis stole a career-high four bases as the Blue Jays won for the third time in four games against Houston, owners of the worst record in the majors.

Bonifacio doubled to begin the ninth against Jose Cisneros (2-2), and Wesley Wright came on to strike out pinch-hitter Adam Lind, who was batting in place of the ejected Jose Bautista.

Edwin Encarnacion was intentionally walked to bring up Rasmus, who bounced a single over the mound and up the middle as Bonifacio scored standing up.

## Royals 4, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning as Kansas City beat Chicago for its sixth straight victory.

With no outs, Jarrod Dyson on third, and the White Sox infield in, Gordon drove a 2-2 pitch from Donnie Veal (1-1) over the wall in center for his first homer since July 7 and No. 10 on the year.

Aaron Crow (7-3) tossed a scoreless inning to get the win and Greg Holland finished for his 27th save in 29 chances. Holland has converted each of his past 20 opportunities.

## Mariners 6, Twins 4

In Seattle, Nick Franklin homered twice, including a three-run shot, as Seattle held off Minnesota for the victory.

Franklin and Michael Saunders both went deep during a pivotal four-run fourth inning. With the Mariners down 2-1, Saunders tied it with his seventh homer to open the inning, deep into the right-field second deck.

After Henry Blanco reached on a fielder's choice and Brad Miller walked, Franklin connected on a 1-1 pitch from Kyle Gibson (2-3) to put the Mariners ahead 5-2.

Franklin added his 10th homer to right field with one out in the seventh. His 10 home runs and 32 RBIs are the most among American League rookies.

## Athletics 10, Angels 6

In Oakland, California, Yoenis Cespedes drove in four runs on his most productive day since winning the Home Run Derby, as Oakland rallied from five runs down to beat Los Angeles.

Cespedes snapped an 0-for-13 funk with a two-run double in the third inning, added an RBI single in the fifth and then doubled in Josh Donaldson as part of a five-run sixth.

Eric Sogard added three hits and two RBIs, and Brandon Moss also drove in a pair of runs for Oakland. The A's (62-43) moved a season-high 19 games over .500 and extended their lead to six games over Texas in the AL West.

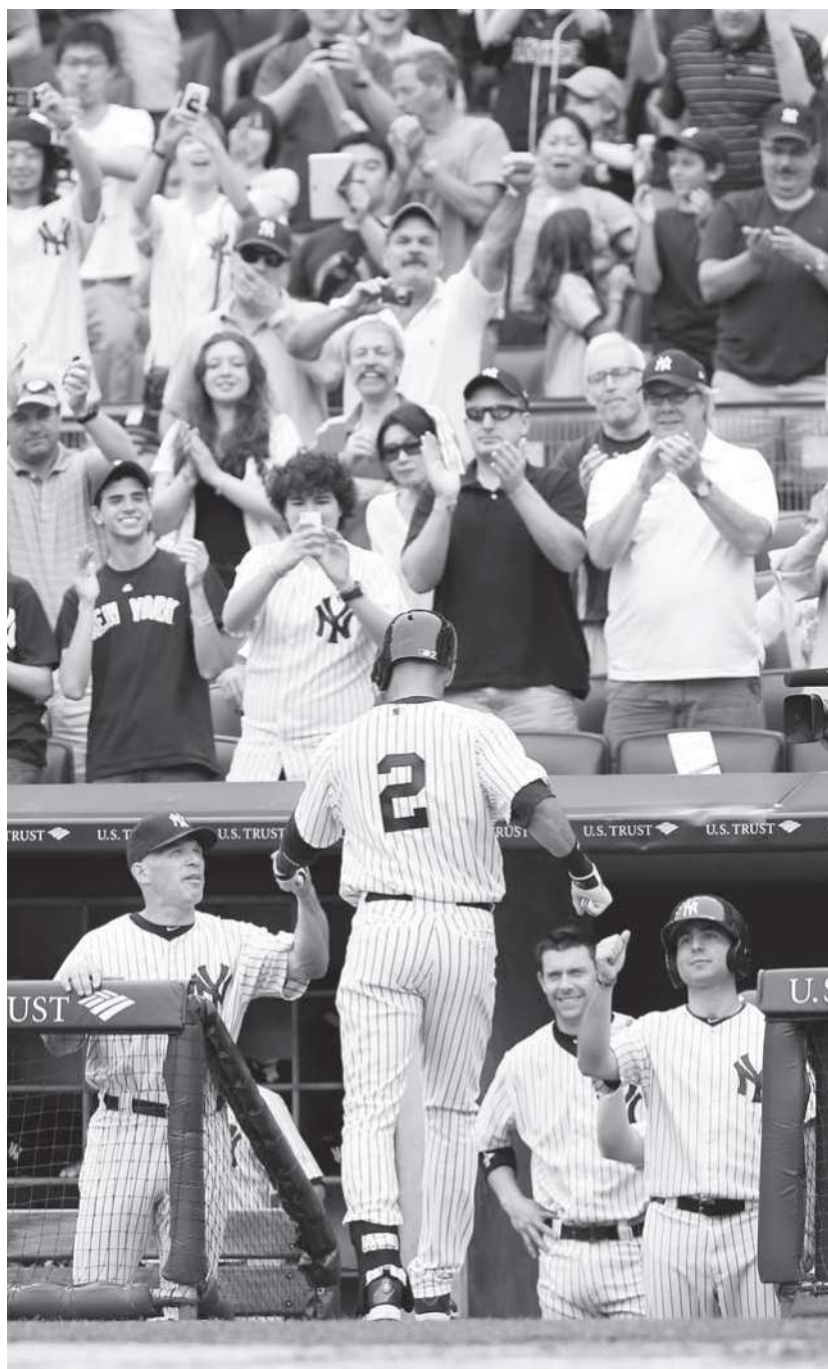
## Tigers 12, Phillies 4

In Detroit, Jhonny Peralta's grand slam capped an eight-run sixth inning as Detroit overcame Miguel Cabrera's ejection to beat collapsing Philadelphia.

Cabrera was tossed while batting with the bases loaded in the third and manager Jim Leyland was ejected, too. Detroit still got plenty of additional chances against a Philadelphia team that stumbled to its eighth straight loss.

In the sixth, the Tigers scored eight runs on only two hits. The Phillies made three errors and walked three batters in the inning.

Rick Porcello (8-6) allowed three



Fans cheer on New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter (2) as he returns to the dugout following a lead-off home run on the first pitch of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Sunday, July 28, 2013, in New York.

runs and seven hits in six innings to win his fourth straight start.

## Dodgers 1, Reds 0

In Los Angeles, Yasiel Puig homered with two outs in the 11th inning to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Cincinnati pitchers set a franchise record with 20 strikeouts, 11 by starter Tony Cingrani. He held Los Angeles to one hit over seven innings.

Puig, Adrian Gonzalez, Hanley Ramirez and Tim Federowicz each fanned three times as the Dodgers established a team high since 1900.

Puig connected against Curtis Partch (0-1) for his 10th home run and 23rd RBI in 48 big league games. The excitable rookie tossed his bat, circled the bases and then slid into home plate, where teammates were waiting for him after his first game-ending homer.

## Braves 5, Cardinals 2

In Atlanta, Jason Heyward homered and drove in two runs to help Atlanta complete a three-game sweep of St. Louis in a series between NL division leaders.

The Braves broke a 2-all tie with two runs in the sixth off rookie Shelby Miller (10-7) and two relievers. Pinch-hitter Joey Terdoslavich drove in Chris Johnson with the go-ahead run. Heyward added another run-scoring single.

Kris Medlen (7-10) allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings to snap his

three-game losing streak. Craig Kimbrel pitched a perfect ninth to take the NL lead with his 31st save.

It was Atlanta's first three-game sweep of the Cardinals at Turner Field since April 22-24, 2003.

## Marlins 3, Pirates 2

In Miami, Jose Fernandez had a team rookie record 13 strikeouts in a pitching duel with Gerrit Cole, leading Miami past Pittsburgh.

Fernandez (7-5) allowed five hits and two runs in eight innings. The 20-year-old All-Star right-hander walked none and threw 97 pitches, 74 for strikes.

Cole (5-4) was nearly as good. The rookie allowed three runs and struck out eight in seven innings, but Giancarlo Stanton put the Marlins ahead to stay in the sixth with his 13th home run.

Stanton also doubled, walked and scored twice for the Marlins, who had six hits.

Steve Cishek gave up a single and a walk in the ninth, but retired Garrett Jones on a grounder for the final out to earn his 22nd save in 24 chances.

## Cubs 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Travis Wood homered and pitched four-hit ball over seven innings to help the Chicago Cubs complete a three-game sweep in San Francisco for the first time in 20 years.

Wellington Castillo also homered for the Cubs, who won their third straight and fifth in seven games.

Pablo Sandoval had an RBI for the Giants, who lost their fourth in a row and seventh in eight games.

Tim Lincecum (5-11) had two hits in addition to pitching seven innings. He gave up two runs and four hits while striking out 10.

Wood (7-7), who also had two hits, allowed an unearned run while walking four and striking out seven. He was 1-4 over his previous nine games and has been involved in 10 one-run decisions.

Pedro Strop worked the eighth for his 12th consecutive scoreless outing, covering 10 2-3 innings, since joining the Cubs on July 2.

## Nationals 14, Mets 1

In Washington, Wilson Ramos hit a grand slam and rookie right-hander Taylor Jordan had six strong innings for his first major league win to lead Washington to the rout of New York.

The Nationals won their third game in a row and fourth in five to salvage a tumultuous 11-game homestand.

They lost the first six games after the All-Star break, fired hitting coach Rick Eckstein last Monday and demoted former closer Drew Storen to Triple-A Syracuse on Friday.

Mets right-hander Carlos Torres (1-2) could not build on his solid start last week against the Atlanta Braves, allowing eight runs and nine hits in just three innings. Ramos hit his grand slam in the third, ripping a 2-1 pitch into the left-field stands to cap a five-run inning.

Jordan (1-3) earned his first victory in his sixth career start. The 24-year-old held New York to five hits in six innings.

## Rockies 6, Brewers 5

In Denver, Troy Tulowitzki homered early, then doubled to start a two-run rally in the eighth inning that propelled Colorado past Milwaukee.

Michael Cuddyer, Dexter Fowler and Corey Dickerson also homered for the Rockies, who salvaged a split of their 10-game homestand.

Yuniesky Betancourt and Norichika Aoki homered and Carlos Gomez had two hits and scored twice for the Brewers.

The Rockies had hoped to stay in the thick of the NL West race when they resumed after the All-Star break against the three worst teams in the NL. Instead, they lost three of four to Miami and were in danger of losing the series to Milwaukee before coming back against John Axford (4-4).

## Padres 1, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Tyson Ross outpitched All-Star Patrick Corbin with eight dominant innings as San Diego beat Arizona to close out its first winning road trip of the season.

Carlos Quentin had a run-scoring single in the first inning off Corbin (12-2) and Ross (2-4) took it from there, allowing three hits and striking out seven in the combined three-hitter. Huston Street worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 20 chances.

San Diego went 6-4 to win its first road trip since Aug. 24-26 and first of six or more games since June 25-July 4, 2012.

Cliff Pennington had two hits for Arizona, which went 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position for its first 1-0 loss at Chase Field in nearly three years.



# Jess Yumul tops July tourney



Businessman Jess Yumul topped the FilTaga Golfers Association July Ace of the Month Tournament after carding a net 67 last July 21 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Yumul beat 14 other golfers for the monthly plum after submitting a gross score of 93, which after his 26 handi-

cap was deducted, gave him the score to beat in the July ace. He fired a 50 in the front nine before shooting a 43 in the back.

Dan Ganacias finished second with his net 73 after a 45 in the front and a 44 in the back gave him a gross of 89. Ganacias sports a 16 handicap.

Third place, meanwhile, went to Ruben Avendano who came into the clubhouse a stroke higher than Ganacias’

net total with his 74. The 26-handicap Avendano scored a 100 gross built around a 49 in the first nine holes and a 51 in the final nine.

Other FilTaga members who took part in the July ace, with their net scores in parenthesis, were as follows: Jhun Calma (75); Sandy Palon (75); Larry Pascual (76); Nestor Siruelo (76); Ernie Lopez (79); William Retardo (80); Paul Bea (80); Manny Po (80); Mike

Cruz (83); John Matsumoto (84); and Raffy Piamonte (85).

Established in 1993, FilTaga hosts monthly tournaments, which operate under a computer-controlled handicap system that creates parity among players. Regular tournaments are scheduled once a month, normally every third Sunday. Green fees are in the \$35 to \$40 price range for most tournaments.

*(Mark Rabago)*

# Distance Challenge on Saipan by NIKEGOLF



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## NMI A

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scoring a hat-trick. He made it to the board right into the first half and played even better in the final 25 minutes of play, adding two more goals. Domingo also drilled two goals in the first half, while Del Rosario contributed to lift NMI A to a 4-2 halftime advantage.

Ryu Tanzawa recorded both goals for NMI B in the first half. Joining him on the runner-up squad were captain Joshua Galarion, Jordan Butcher, James Ermitanio, Billy Hinson, Yoshi Mafnas, Julian Pellegrino, Renial and Ryan

Relucio, Greg Sablan, Ivan Seo, Chad Shankweile, John Taisacan, Christian Valenzuela, and David Yang.

Players in the NMI A and B teams are training under the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association’s U18 national pool program and of the 29 players, 18 have been selected to represent the CNMI to the 2013 EAFF Regional Qualifiers in Guam next month. The Teen Ayuyus also some games in the SSS event to prepare for the EAFF qualifier.

Two more squads joined the youth league with Asian Kanoa FC defeating the Thundercats in the battle for third place.

Asian Kanoa FC got one goal apiece from Michael Fidelino, Raphael Zapanta, and Vladimir Minigaleev to gain control of the match in the first half en route to the easy win. Zapanta collected two more goals in the second half, while Fidelino and Minigaleev added one each. The Thundercats goals all came from Brian Lee.

Meanwhile, in the girls U18 finale, Shirley’s FC also got off to a strong start to post a 5-2 victory over ALU FC.

Diana Maniacop was at the forefront of the Shirley’s offense early in the title game drilling two goals in the first half, while De Jana Muna also found

the back of the net once in the opening frame. ALU FC scored only one goal in the first half, courtesy of Chloe Salvosa.

In the second half, Maniacop gained one more goal to complete the hat-trick, while Michaela Gariguez also made in to the board. ALU FC answered with only one goal from Angelica Sally, foiling in its bid to pull off an upset against the unbeaten Shirley’s FC.

Joining Maniacop, Muna, and Gariguez on the champion squad were Ciaralyn Apostol, Charizama Aragon, Angelica Carreon, Elaine Enriquez, Dianne Pablo, and Gabrielle Race.

## AXE

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period started with Mariana Resort behind by 17, 51-65, but it sliced the deficit to single digits after launching a 10-3 run in the first three minutes of that canto. Leo Galarse led the uprising, opening the fourth frame with back-to-back triples, while Mike Saturno and Kelvin Fitial made the two other field goals.

AXE Proa, which got a split free throw from Keoni Chariton and a layup from Dan Barcinas in the opening three minutes of the payoff quarter, sued for time and when the game resumed, the latter converted a triple to bring back order to his team.

Mariana Resort tried anew to move closer, but only managed to cut the deficit to as low as 8 points, as Galarse

went cold after a brief breather and was held to one free throw in the remaining minutes of the match. AXE Proa went on to put the finishing touches on its sixth win at the free throw line, canning nine charities.

Bryle Alegre and Ichitaro Faisao top-scored for AXE Proa with 12 points apiece, while Joseph Villacrusis, Jimmy Tudela, and Erick Dela Rosa added 9 each. Galarse had 20 points for Mariana Resort with played without Jawn Joyner and the suspended Tim Wesley, who was meted with a one-year ban after an unsportsmanlike foul on KFC/Taco Bell’s Jaymark De Guzman.

**Armatech 78, Ol’Aces 72**

In the first game, Armatech bagged its third win after slipping past the Ol’Aces. Armatech recovered from the 10-

point deficit in the first quarter and drew timely baskets from Junar Guiab and Elmer Esdreton to eke out the 6-point win.

The Ol’Aces took a 26-16 advantage after the first period, as Chris Mizer drained two early triples and scored 10 points in that quarter. However, Armatech came out smoking in the second canto and held Mizer scoreless to grab the driver’s seat at the break, 43-38. Brandon Talania nailed two triples in the second canto, while Elmer Esdreton made one, as Armatech fired 27 points against the 12 of the Ol’Aces.

The game remained close in the second half with Armatech getting the win in the end, as Guiab connected on back-to-back baskets and Esdreton scored 3 straight points in the closing minutes of the fourth canto to offset the 7 markers of Mizer.

## First Game

**Armatech 78** – Guiab 16, Esdreton 14, McCain 10, Talania 9, Manalo 8, Santos 8, Gabaldon 5, Berline 3.

**Ol’Aces 72** – Mizer 20, Basa 11, Camacho 10, Litulumar 8, Olaitiman 8, Ogumoro 6, Renguul 4, Nekaifes 3, Norita 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-26, 43-38, 60-57, 78-72.

## Second Game

**AXE Proa 91** – Faisao 12, Alegre 12, Villacrusis 10, Dela Rosa 10, Tudela 10, Barcinas 9, Chariton 8, Babauta 4, Libuw 4, Johnson 4.

**Mariana Resort 75** – Galarse 20, Moises 12, Mangali 10, Fitial 10, Paraiso 10, Sison 6, Saturno 3, Dayrit 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-17, 47-28, 65-51, 91-75.

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than 3 points in each of its first three games, this time managed to hang tough in the end to gain its first victory and hand Kalayaan its third defeat after four matches.

Ben Sablan drained three crucial free throws in the closing seconds of the match to end the Ballaholics’ string of misfortunes. Sablan finished with only 8 points, but fired 5 of them in the fourth canto to foil Kalayaan’s repeated comeback bids.

Kalayaan played catch up most of the way after facing a 10-point deficit at the end of the third period, 10-20. Joe Imperial scored 6 early points for Bal-

laholics in the first period, while Juan Pena and Sablan connected on one triple apiece to put their team in front.

Ballaholics went on to keep the driver’s seat in the next two quarters, as Derrick Rangamar also began contributing and Imperial continued to hit his target. Then in the fourth quarter, Ezra Caro moved Kalayaan within a couple of possessions, but could not complete the come-from-behind win, as Sablan sealed Ballaholics’ win with his important free throws.

Imperial top-scored for Ballaholics with his 15 markers, the same output Caro recorded for Kalayaan.

**Sister Market 82, Snipers 70**

In the first game Sister Market (3-1) dominated the winless Snipers (0-4).

Sister Marker neutralized the Snipers in the second quarter, holding the latter to 7 points to turn a 20-15 lead to a 41-22 advantage at halftime. The Snipers hit only two field goals off Melvin Capalad’s triple and a layup, while Jonathan Jones made the other field goal for the losing squad. John Santos almost outgunned the entire Snipers’ crew, as he scored 6 points in the second canto, while three of his teammates at contributed at least two field goal apiece to open a 19-point lead.

Sister Market never relinquished the double-digit advantage from thereon to clinch its third straight victory.

**First Game**

**Sister Market 82** – Jugos 17,

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Boston    | 63 | 43 | .594 | —     |
| Tampa Bay | 62 | 43 | .590 | 1/2   |
| Baltimore | 58 | 48 | .547 | 5     |
| New York  | 55 | 50 | .524 | 7 1/2 |
| Toronto   | 48 | 56 | .462 | 14    |

##### Central Division

|             |    |    |      |    |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Detroit     | 59 | 45 | .567 | —  |
| Cleveland   | 56 | 48 | .538 | 3  |
| Kansas City | 51 | 51 | .500 | 7  |
| Minnesota   | 45 | 57 | .441 | 13 |
| Chicago     | 40 | 62 | .392 | 18 |

##### West Division

|             |    |    |      |        |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Oakland     | 62 | 43 | .590 | —      |
| Texas       | 56 | 49 | .533 | 6      |
| Seattle     | 50 | 55 | .476 | 12     |
| Los Angeles | 48 | 55 | .466 | 13     |
| Houston     | 35 | 69 | .337 | 26 1/2 |

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

|              |    |    |      |        |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Atlanta      | 60 | 45 | .571 | —      |
| Washington   | 52 | 54 | .491 | 8 1/2  |
| Philadelphia | 49 | 56 | .467 | 11     |
| New York     | 46 | 56 | .451 | 12 1/2 |
| Miami        | 40 | 63 | .388 | 19     |

##### Central Division

|            |    |    |      |        |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| St. Louis  | 62 | 40 | .608 | —      |
| Pittsburgh | 61 | 42 | .592 | 1 1/2  |
| Cincinnati | 59 | 47 | .557 | 5      |
| Chicago    | 48 | 55 | .466 | 14 1/2 |
| Milwaukee  | 43 | 61 | .413 | 20     |

##### West Division

|               |    |    |      |       |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Los Angeles   | 56 | 48 | .538 | —     |
| Arizona       | 54 | 51 | .514 | 2 1/2 |
| Colorado      | 51 | 55 | .481 | 6     |
| San Diego     | 48 | 58 | .453 | 9     |
| San Francisco | 46 | 58 | .442 | 10    |

### CANADIAN OPEN SCORES

**OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP)** — Scores Saturday from the Canadian Open, a PGA Tour event played at the 7,253-yard, par-72 course at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

#### FINAL ROUND

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Brandt Snedeker (500), \$1,008,000 | 70-69-63-70-272 |
| Jason Bohn (184), \$369,600        | 70-68-66-71-275 |
| Dustin Johnson (184), \$369,600    | 75-67-63-70-275 |
| Matt Kuchar (184), \$369,600       | 66-74-64-71-275 |
| William McGirt (184), \$369,600    | 71-69-67-68-275 |
| Roberto Castro (92), \$187,600     | 69-70-67-70-276 |
| John Merrick (92), \$187,600       | 71-62-72-71-276 |
| Mark Wilson (92), \$187,600        | 70-69-67-70-276 |
| Aaron Baddeley (75), \$151,200     | 68-68-73-68-277 |
| Jim Furyk (75), \$151,200          | 72-67-68-70-277 |
| Patrick Reed (75), \$151,200       | 68-68-70-71-277 |
| David Lingmerth (60), \$113,400    | 67-71-65-75-278 |
| Greg Owen (60), \$113,400          | 70-68-67-73-278 |
| Rory Sabbatini (60), \$113,400     | 69-71-71-67-278 |
| Kyle Stanley (60), \$113,400       | 68-71-66-73-278 |
| Chad Campbell (53), \$84,000       | 71-72-66-70-279 |
| Fabian Gomez (53), \$84,000        | 72-68-67-72-279 |
| Charley Hoffman (53), \$84,000     | 69-69-67-74-279 |
| Hideki Matsuyama, \$84,000         | 69-69-71-70-279 |
| Marcel Siem, \$84,000              | 71-70-69-69-279 |
| James Driscoll (47), \$54,160      | 69-69-71-71-280 |
| Ernie Els (47), \$54,160           | 71-72-67-70-280 |
| Trevor Immelman (47), \$54,160     | 68-73-66-73-280 |
| Chris Kirk (47), \$54,160          | 68-69-71-72-280 |
| Luke List (47), \$54,160           | 72-69-70-69-280 |
| Andres Romero (47), \$54,160       | 69-70-71-70-280 |
| Bubba Watson (47), \$54,160        | 68-67-72-73-280 |
| Matt Every (42), \$39,760          | 71-71-67-72-281 |
| Charl Schwartzel (42), \$39,760    | 73-70-66-72-281 |
| Nicholas Thompson (42), \$39,760   | 73-70-68-70-281 |
| Stuart Appleby (36), \$30,427      | 69-73-69-71-282 |
| Sang-Moon Bae (36), \$30,427       | 71-70-72-69-282 |
| J.J. Henry (36), \$30,427          | 73-67-72-70-282 |
| David Mathis (36), \$30,427        | 71-69-70-72-282 |
| Ryan Palmer (36), \$30,427         | 70-70-72-70-282 |
| Chez Reavie (36), \$30,427         | 68-73-68-73-282 |
| Jason Kokrak (36), \$30,427        | 72-68-69-73-282 |
| Jeff Maggert (36), \$30,427        | 72-67-68-75-282 |
| Vijay Singh (36), \$30,427         | 69-73-66-74-282 |
| Greg Chalmers (30), \$22,400       | 73-68-67-75-283 |
| Jeff Gove (30), \$22,400           | 71-70-71-71-283 |
| James Hahn (30), \$22,400          | 69-68-69-77-283 |
| Scott Verplank (30), \$22,400      | 72-68-73-70-283 |
| David Hearn (25), \$17,405         | 70-73-68-73-284 |
| Richard H. Lee (25), \$17,405      | 72-69-69-74-284 |
| Justin Leonard (25), \$17,405      | 71-72-67-74-284 |
| Cameron Percy (25), \$17,405       | 71-70-73-70-284 |
| Cameron Tringale (25), \$17,405    | 72-67-73-72-284 |
| Mike Weir (21), \$14,149           | 73-67-73-72-285 |
| Alistair Presnell (21), \$14,149   | 72-67-68-78-285 |
| Andrew Svoboda (21), \$14,149      | 71-72-70-72-285 |
| Bob Estes (15), \$12,805           | 73-68-74-71-286 |
| Scott Langley (15), \$12,805       | 71-72-71-72-286 |
| Scott Piercy (15), \$12,805        | 71-71-73-71-286 |
| Cameron Beckman (15), \$12,805     | 70-71-71-74-286 |
| Tommy Gainey (15), \$12,805        | 73-64-74-75-286 |
| Morgan Hoffmann (15), \$12,805     | 70-70-71-75-286 |
| Roger Sloan, \$12,805              | 71-71-72-72-286 |
| Camilo Villegas (15), \$12,805     | 74-65-74-73-286 |
| Casey Wittenberg (15), \$12,805    | 71-69-70-76-286 |
| Robert Allenby (8), \$11,984       | 72-69-74-72-287 |
| Scott Brown (8), \$11,984          | 66-72-77-72-287 |
| Will Claxton (8), \$11,984         | 69-74-72-72-287 |
| Scott Gardiner (8), \$11,984       | 66-74-75-72-287 |
| Gary Woodland (8), \$11,984        | 69-72-72-74-287 |
| Justin Hicks (5), \$11,592         | 72-71-68-77-288 |
| Y.E. Yang (5), \$11,592            | 75-68-68-77-288 |
| Kevin Chappell (2), \$11,256       | 68-75-69-77-289 |
| Billy Horschel (2), \$11,256       | 71-69-72-77-289 |
| Tim Petrovic (2), \$11,256         | 71-69-73-76-289 |
| Brendan Steele (2), \$11,256       | 65-75-74-75-289 |
| Steve LeBrun (1), \$10,976         | 73-70-71-76-290 |
| Brian Gay (1), \$10,864            | 72-71-72-77-292 |

#### Made cut; did not finish

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Graeme McDowell (1), \$10,752 | 76-65-76-217 |
| Seung-Yul Noh (1), \$10,584   | 70-73-75-218 |
| Brian Stuard (1), \$10,584    | 72-71-75-218 |
| Ryo Ishikawa (1), \$10,416    | 72-71-80-223 |

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# 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Members of the SBDC pose with organizers of the 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament after winning the July 20 competition at the Pacific Islands Club's Laser Tag Park in San Antonio.



The Losers member pose for a photo after placing third in the tournament



Sook It members gather for a photo with organizers after receiving their fourth place prize.



The Spartans' Romano Tesero gets out from his cover to shoot foes.



Team Yolo's Janos Reyes eyes his target.



Sook It's Hannah Macormic in a shooting stance.



SBDC's Keoni Ichihara takes cover from the "cloud" to trick their foes.



A Team Yolo player fires at his target.



The Losers' Dennis Tababa aims at his target.



Team PIC Finance' Cindy Park moves closer to "enemy" lines.





Snedeker wins  
Canadian Open

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Derek Jeter HRs  
on 1st pitch in  
return to Yankees

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Players of NMI A pose with their trophy and medal after beating NMI B, 6-2, in the finals of the 2013 Youth Futsal last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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## NMI A, Shirley's top futsal league

### AXE Proa stretches win streak to six

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AXE Proa extended its win streak in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Don-como Pacific Cup after thumping Mariana Resort, 91-75, last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The victory was sixth in as many games for AXE Proa, which remained on top of the team standings, ahead of two wins against Mobil (4-2) and Pacific Islands Club (4-2). Mariana Resort dropped to a 3-3 record, tying KFC/Taco Bell and Ar-matech for the third to fifth place in the team standings.

AXE Proa may have walked away with a 16-point winning margin, but its lead once stood at 7, 68-61, after Mariana Resort rallied in the early goings of the fourth canto. The final

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AXE Proa's Erick Dela Rosa, left, and Jimmy Tudela, right, play pressure defense on Mariana Resort's Mike Saturno during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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NMI A and Shirley's FC were crowned champions in the 2013 Youth Futsal League after dominating their respective foes in a winner-take-all finale last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.



In the boys U18 finals, NMI A showed no love lost for sister team NMI B, notching a 6-2 victory. The champion team is composed of captain Jireh Yobech, Enrico del Rosario, Christopher Aninzo, Terrence Evan Belcher, Carlson Cruzat, James David, Kenneth Domingo, Dakota Hall, Joel Fruit, Kennedy Izu-ka, Jehn Joyner, Won Jun Kim, Oliver Lumbad, and John Masga.

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### Ballaholics barges into win column

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Ballaholics finally made it to the win column of the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after edging Kalayaan, 60-58, in the second game last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Ballaholics, which lost by no more

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Ballaholics' Joe Imperial goes for up for a shot against Kalayaan's Don Brennan, left, and Ezra Caro during the first quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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